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3 admirals forced out amid massive Navy bribery scandal

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The commander of naval forces in Japan and two other admirals are retiring following letters of censure issued by the secretary of the Navy in connection with a wide-ranging bribery scandal in the Asia-Pacific region.

Naval Forces Japan commander Rear Adm. Terry Kraft, along with rear admirals Michael Miller and David Pimpo, were censured by Secretary Ray Mabus to "document their failure of leadership"

related to dealings with Glenn Defense Marine Asia between 2006 and 2007, according to a Navy statement.

Navy officials spanning the ranks from enlisted to commanding officers, as well as high-placed civilians, have pleaded guilty since December 2013 to trading classified information in exchange for luxury travel, cash and prostitutes with ship support contractor GDMA and its owner, Leonard Glenn "Fat Leonard" Francis.

Francis, 50, pleaded guilty to bribery charges in San Diego federal court in

January. Prosecutors say Francis, with help from his naval contacts, bilked the U.S. government out of more than \$20 million by guiding ships to preferred ports in the Asia-Pacific region and then overcharging them for various services.

The three admirals do not face any criminal charges at this time, according to the statement.

In April, Mabus appointed Adm. John Richardson, who heads the Navy's nuclear propulsion program, to convene a Consolidated Disposition Authority.

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Photos courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Obama may keep more troops in Afghanistan in 2015

By MISSY RYAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is considering slowing its planned withdrawal from Afghanistan for the second time, according to U.S. officials, a sign of the significant security challenges that remain despite an end to the U.S. and NATO combat mis-

sion there.

Under the still-evolving plans, Army Gen. John Campbell, the commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, could be given greater latitude to determine the pace of the drawdown in 2015 as foreign forces scramble to ensure Afghan troops are capable of battling Taliban insurgents on their own, the officials said.

The options under discussion would not alter what is perhaps the most important date in President Barack Obama's plan: ending the U.S. military mission entirely by the time he steps down in early 2017.

But Campbell might temporarily retain more than the 5,500 troops slated to remain in Afghanistan at the end of 2015, keep regional training hubs open

longer than planned or reorganize plans to close bases including Kandahar Air Field, a major endeavor that would draw troops away from efforts to advise Afghan security forces.

Campbell and top Obama aides are expected to discuss the options at a White House meeting Wednesday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think it's very important to recognize these are not separatists, these are proxies for President (Vladimir) Putin."

— Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, U.S. Army Europe commander, accusing the Russian leader of arming and fomenting the pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine

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NATION

NBC suspends Williams, docks pay for 6 months

By PATRICK DICKSON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — NBC has suspended "Nightly News" anchor Brian Williams for six months without pay for fabricating stories about his time in Iraq and elsewhere, the network announced late Tuesday.

"We have decided today to suspend Brian Williams as Managing Editor and Anchor of NBC Nightly News for six months," the president of NBC News, Deborah Turness, wrote to the staff. "Lester Holt will continue to substitute Anchor the NBC Nightly News."

The Iraq issue erupted online when Iraq veterans took umbrage at a news report in which Williams used a ceremony honoring a retired command sergeant major at a New York Rangers hockey game to repeat the story that his aircraft was forced down in Iraq.

Days later, Williams admitted the claim was false when Stars and Stripes reporter Travis J. Tritten contacted NBC News to ask for comment on statements by some servicemembers challenging the veteran anchor's version.

But Williams' apology that night on NBC "Nightly News" failed to stem the criticism. He admitted his helicopter was not hit but claimed that he "was instead in a following aircraft" and said he had merely bungled a tribute to a veteran.

Williams was not only the head of the No. 1 evening news show but the news division's managing editor and one of NBC's biggest stars, appearing on "Saturday Night Live," "30 Rock" and the late-night talk show circuit.

"While on Nightly News on [Jan. 30], Brian misrepresented events which occurred while he was covering the Iraq War in 2003, Turness wrote in her memo

to staff Tuesday. "It then became clear that on other occasions Brian had done the same while telling that story in other venues. This was wrong and completely inappropriate for someone in Brian's position."

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Deborah Turness
NBC News
president

watching Katyusha rockets pass underneath him.

On "The Daily Show," he concluded the story by telling Jon

Stewart, "Any time you want to cross over to the other side, baby, travel with me."

When the hockey game report hit the air, some soldiers called him on it.

The claims bothered several soldiers aboard the formation of 159th Aviation Regiment Chinooks that were flying far ahead and did come under attack March 24, 2003, Tritten wrote.

One of the helicopters was hit by two rocket-propelled grenades — one did not detonate but passed through the airframe and rotor blades — as well as small-arms fire.

"It was something personal for us that was kind of life-changing for me. I know how lucky I was to survive it," said Lance Reynolds, who was the flight engineer. "It felt like a personal experience that someone else wanted to participate in and didn't deserve to participate in."



BRAD BARKET, INVISION/AP

Brian Williams speaks Nov. 5 at the "8th Annual Stand Up for Heroes," presented by the New York Comedy Festival and the Bob Woodruff Foundation, in New York.

Reynolds said Williams and

the NBC cameramen arrived in a helicopter 30 to 60 minutes after his damaged Chinook made an emergency landing at an Iraqi airfield near Objective Rams, a temporary base being hastily set up near Najaf in southern Iraq.

Soon after the Stars and Stripes report, a media feeding frenzy began. Tritten appeared on several news shows as cable news followed up. Social media users mocked Williams mercilessly.

Reactions among the soldiers contacted again after the issue exploded were mixed. Some thought the record had been corrected and just wanted to move on. Others said the apology was half-hearted and perhaps forced on a man who never would have come forward otherwise.

In her note Tuesday, Turness said the NBC investigations into Williams' reporting was ongoing.

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FEELING THE CHILL



Soldiers prepare to march in snow shoes at Black Rapids Training Site, Alaska, on Tuesday.

Cold-weather training ramps up as Pentagon shifts focus

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

BLACK RAPIDS, Alaska — The U.S. military is putting a renewed emphasis on cold weather warfare amid tensions in Eastern Europe and disputes over Arctic resources.

Army and Marine Corps trainees are spending this week in the remote Alaskan wilderness to hone winter fighting skills that have atrophied during more than a decade of counterinsurgency missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As U.S. forces draw down from central Asia, the military is refocusing on skills that were at a premium during the Cold War: things such as military mountaineering, rough terrain medevac, mountain rifle skills, cold weather survival and Arctic aviation.

The need to regain these valuable skills was driven home by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, who traveled to the Black Rapids Training Site to experience the harsh training conditions firsthand.

Donning a pair of white snow boots, gloves and a black beanie, Odierno watched soldiers make fires from dry grass and checked out a snow shelter. He didn't linger for long in the cold.

"The human spirit can overcome incredible odds and circumstances especially when we work together," he told the cold weather warfare experts.

The training in Alaska is focused on developing the skills to climb mountains in a harsh environment, he said.

"It is important that we develop these capabilities together,"



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

A CH-47 helicopter hovers over a Small Unit Support Vehicle at the Black Rapids Training Site in Alaska on Monday.

he said. "We want to make sure that... our adversaries [know] ... no matter where you are or how harsh it is, we can get to you."

Eleven other countries took part in the training: Canada, Australia, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal and Britain.

The push for cold weather readiness is being spurred in part by Russian efforts to militarize the Arctic and stake mineral claims in international waters, said Steve Gardner, academic director at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in California.

Russia, along with other northern hemisphere nations including the U.S., are interested in vast oil and gas reserves beneath the Arctic. Melting sea ice is opening up new northern shipping routes that also have strategic importance.

The U.S. doesn't have a military presence in the far north these days, Gardner said, noting that Marine units cycle through cold weather training every four years, but that training has been greatly reduced because of the focus on counterinsurgency. But the end of combat operations in Afghanistan means the Marines are refocusing on jungle warfare operations, along with jungle and amphibious warfare, he said.

"The Secretary of Defense has talked about Arctic policy," Gardner said. "It is a matter of not waiting until something happens. It's about planning ahead, identifying what we need and training and equipping."

But that doesn't mean that he expects full combat operations above the Arctic circle, Gardner said.



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"It is more about mineral claims and crisis response," he said. "You are going to have cruise ships going up there ... fishing problems."

One of the foreign soldiers visiting Alaska, Col. Yuji Hirata, of the Japan Ground Self Defense Force's Northern Army, said Japan's cold weather training — conducted on the northern island of Hokkaido — was originally geared toward Russia.

Japan has been asking the Russians to return islands just north of Hokkaido that the Soviet Union has occupied since the end of World War II.

"For defensive purposes, we believe cold weather training is very important," Hirata said.

The training also focused on swapping information about the latest cold weather gear such as cross-country skis, protective clothing, snow shoes and climbing gear.

U.S. Army Maj. Philip Johnson, of the 10th Mountain Division,

said he was interested to see what kind of gear foreign troops use to operate in cold environments. His troops train with a type of ski that is decades old.

"It's about ensuring our equipment lines up with the tactics we are utilizing," he said.

The Small Unit Support Vehicles that troops use to haul supplies around Black Rapids are 20 to 30 years old, Gardner said.

"The last few are dying, and we have no replacements," he said. "That is a critical shortfall for both the Army and Marine Corps."

For Staff Sgt. Stephen Flynn, one of the instructors at Black Rapids, the most critical items the troops need are new boots and gloves. The white rubber boots that U.S. troops wear in snow are relatively comfortable to walk in but they are a lot looser than commercial ski boots and troops say it takes a lot of skill to ski downhill in them, he said.

"We have VB (vapor barrier) boots that are great and have been working for us for years, but we are trying to get with the times and get updated skis and great boots to go with them," he said.

Some of the foreign troops visiting Black Rapids had plastic boots that look like they would clip into crampons or ski bindings easily. However Flynn said those types of boots aren't great for charging at enemy positions on foot.

"With those stiff boots it's very difficult to move," he said, adding that the army is considering boots similar to the ones they already have but upgrading ski bindings to make it easier to ski with them.

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MILITARY

A-10s to head to Germany

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Air Force will deploy 12 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft and about 300 airmen from the U.S. to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, for six months, a move intended to bolster regional security as fighting continues to escalate in eastern Ukraine, the service announced Tuesday.

The close-air support Warthogs — which the Air Force has been pushing to retire from the fleet — are expected to arrive at Spangdahlem by the end of the week, said Capt. Sybil Taunton, spokeswoman for U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa.

The European deployment is part of a so-called theater security package in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, the military's response to the Ukraine crisis. "They will be here to augment the USAFE-AFAPRICA units



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An A-10 takes off from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, in 2013.

already participating in Operation Atlantic Resolve exercises and flying training deployments," Taunton said.

In addition to training with NATO allies, the A-10s will forward deploy to eastern European NATO nations, USAFE said in a news release.

Taunton said the command does not have specifics yet on which exercises and training events the planes will take part in.

"The U.S. Air Force's forward presence in Europe area provides the support infrastructure needed to increase our current force and build new and deeper partnerships across the continent," Lt. Gen. Tom Jones, USAFE-AFAPRICA vice commander, was quoted as saying in the news release.

The planes' deployment marks the first theater security package to come to Europe, Taunton said. The Air Force has been conducting similar rotations in the Pacific region since 2004, USAFE said.

"We anticipate more rotations to come through," Taunton said, with each subsequent one expected to last about six months.

"The airframes could vary."

Though the future of the A-10 is uncertain — Air Force brass have pushed to retire the platform to free up funding for the more pricey F-35A — the service continues to call on the scrappy plane. The Pentagon has said the A-10 has been flying missions against Islamic State militants in recent months.

The A-10s and airmen are deploying from the 355th Fighter Wing at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

When they arrive, most of the aircraft will be landing on familiar asphalt. Ten of the 12 planes were part of the former 81st Fighter Squadron previously assigned to Spangdahlem, USAFE said.

The last A-10s to be permanently based in Europe left Spangdahlem in May 2013, after being stationed at the fighter base for nearly 20 years. Spangdahlem lost its 21 A-10s in steep Air Force budget cutbacks and a shift at the time away from Europe to the Asia-Pacific region. The planes departed less than a year before Russia's incursion into eastern Ukraine.

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US on guard as Bahrain's uprising anniversary nears

By HENDRICK SIMOES
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MANAMA, Bahrain — The Department of Defense-operated Bahrain School will be closed as a precaution Thursday, ahead of the Feb. 14 anniversary of protests that threatened to topple the kingdom's Sunni monarchy in 2011.

Following a violent crackdown that year, the protest movement has lost strength, but sporadic demonstrations by predominantly Shiite citizens demanding political and economic reforms have continued.

"There will be no sports or other activities at Bahrain Elementary and Bahrain Middle/High schools on Thursday and through the weekend," said a message on the Naval Support Activity Bahrain's Facebook page. In Bahrain, the weekend is Friday and Saturday.

Protests and violent activity typically grow more intense in the days leading up to the Feb. 14 anniversary, often involving clashes with local authorities. Three police officers were injured Saturday when they were attacked with Molotov cocktails while extinguishing a fire on a Manama roadway, Bahraini officials said.

Protest activity may include tire fires, traffic disruptions and the use of explosives, U.S. officials warn.

The tiny island Persian Gulf kingdom is home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet and roughly 8,300 U.S. personnel, including families.

The Bahrain School, operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity, is located in the Manama neighborhood of Juffair near the U.S. Navy base. The area around the school is often the scene of demonstrations. Officials plan to proceed with classes as usual on Sunday, the first day of the work week in Bahrain.

Navy officials said U.S. Navy operations in Bahrain would not otherwise be affected. Cmdr. Kevin Stephens, U.S. 5th Fleet spokesman, told Stars and Stripes that the Navy will accommodate those personnel with child-care issues resulting from the school closure.

He stressed that U.S. military personnel and their families should be especially mindful to avoid restricted areas and exercise increased vigilance when traveling around the kingdom.

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Troops: Afghan president's concerns said to have sparked talk of changing strategy

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The defining elements of the plan are more or less intact," a senior administration official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss planning. "All we're looking at at this point is either variations within those or subtle variations of" the current framework.

Officials hope to finalize a decision before Afghan President Ashraf Ghani visits Washington in March. Ghani has appealed to Obama to "re-examine" his drawdown schedule.

"We are cognizant of the fact that we've got to get in front of the so-called spring fighting season in Afghanistan" and provide allies time to make their own troop plans, the official said.

Campbell already faces a tight timeline for the twin mission he commands in Afghanistan, a NATO effort to advise Afghan security forces and a separate U.S. program that conducts limited operations against al-Qaida and other militants. Obama announced the White House's drawdown plan in May 2014, before the onset of a lengthy electoral dispute in Kabul that deepened questions about the country's stability after foreign forces go home.

The dispute also held up troop deals needed to launch the current training mission and made it harder for NATO nations to commit their own troops on time.

The drawdown schedule has been adjusted previously. In December, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced during a visit to Kabul that the United States would keep as many as 10,800 troops in Afghanistan into early 2015, 1,000 more than



Jim Watson/AP

Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani has asked President Barack Obama to "re-examine" his troop drawdown schedule.

had been expected to remain at the time the NATO combat mission concluded on Dec. 31, 2014.

The U.S. force in Afghanistan, which peaked at about 100,000 troops during Obama's surge in 2011, stands at about 10,600 U.S. servicemembers.

Last fall, the White House also decided to expand some authorities for remaining U.S. troops to fight militants after the NATO combat mission ended.

It remains unclear whether Obama will ultimately approve another deviation from the plan he announced with great fanfare in the White House Rose Garden.

While the Democratic president has sought to end U.S. involvement in messy conflicts overseas, he has also associated himself with the Afghan War, launched in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The adjustment announced in December, moreover, triggered little criticism at a time when foreign-policy leaders also were grappling with crises in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria and elsewhere.

Officials said the current discussions were rooted in an appeal from Ghani, whose security forces lack air power and key military skills as they face insurgents whose zeal and ability to launch attacks from neighboring Pakistan remain undiminished.

U.S. officials also believe a larger force could help protect troops from excessive risk. Late last month, three American contractors were killed at the Kabul airport by a man in Afghan security forces uniform, a reminder of the "insider threat" that U.S. troops have faced in Afghanistan.

David Sedney, a former senior Pentagon official specializing in Afghanistan policy, said that a rapid reduction in U.S. forces in 2015 also could fuel greater casualties among Afghan forces, which have taken heavy losses in clashes with the Taliban, by depriving them of U.S. air support, intelligence and logistics when they continue to confront a powerful adversary.

"It's hugely counterproductive to have this timeline for 2015 laid out the way it is," Sedney said. Campbell's troops "are going to be of very little use if they're straitjacket-

ed by a 50 percent cut halfway through the year."

Rear Adm. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman, said there had been no change to plans for withdrawing troops over the next two years. "As always, the operational commander has the right and responsibility to manage the pace of that withdrawal as he deems fit," he said.

In recent months, there has been growing support within the Pentagon to empower Campbell to respond to conditions on the ground in Afghanistan.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has voiced support for reviewing the drawdown schedule according to the situation in Afghanistan. Last week, Ashton Carter, who has been nominated to replace Hagel as defense secretary, expressed openness to revisiting the current plan.

"Flexibility remains important as we continually assess both the progress and the threats in Afghanistan," a senior military official said, also speaking on the condition of anonymity. "But that does not imply an open-ended commitment of troops is in either their interest or ours. We're on the right path, and we'll make recommendations in the margin as needed."

The deliberations take place as Campbell visits Washington to answer senators' questions about the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan.

The discussions also coincide with growing concerns that security could deteriorate in Afghanistan after the U.S. exit, as it did in Iraq, where Islamic State militants seized a third of the country last year and forced Obama to renew military operations there.

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Most of remaining troops to be pulled from Ebola zones

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — The U.S. military will pull the bulk of its remaining personnel from Ebola zones in West Africa as spread of the disease has slowed and case numbers fallen, the Pentagon said late Tuesday.

Roughly 1,900 troops and civilian personnel remain in Liberia as part of Operation United Assistance, the military response to last summer's outbreak of the deadly disease in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The task force finished its primary missions in recent months, including training health workers and constructing a series of treatment centers. Another 150 task force members work at a military logistics hub in Senegal.

Most task force members will return to the U.S. by April 30, according to the Pentagon announcement. One hundred will remain in the region to work with nations on the disease preparation and surveillance. Those returning will undergo the military's mandatory 21-day quarantine before being released.

The task force, anchored by the Army's 101st Airborne Division headquarters, already returned 450 troops in December.

The decision to return most of the remaining task force members has been expected for weeks and follows recent signs that spread of the disease is abating in West Africa. Total case numbers have fallen in the three countries at the heart of the outbreak, and case incidence, or numbers of new infections, have dropped in Sierra Leone after rising rapidly late last year. Mali is now considered free of the disease.

Liberia, the focus of the U.S. military effort, counted five new cases during the week of Feb. 1, down from the more than 300 new cases estimated weekly in August.

As case numbers have fallen, the international response has shifted from stemming a surge of infections to actively seeking out new cases across the region in a push to end the epidemic. Challenges remain, with case incidence still increasing in Guinea.

Nearly 9,000 people have been killed and an estimated 22,000 infected by the disease since the beginning of the outbreak, according to the World Health Organization.

Operation United Assistance was intended to be the vanguard of an international response to the disease when it was announced in September, providing logistics



TERRANCE D. RHODES/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Sgt. Gary Roberts, right, a carpentry and masonry specialist with the 36th Engineer Brigade, and fellow servicemembers wait in line to go through out-processing at Roberts International Airport outside Monrovia, Liberia, before their Feb. 4 flight to the U.S.

and engineering support otherwise unavailable in the region. The military task force worked under the direction of a crisis-response team with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

As case incidence began slowing in Liberia in late October, before the military had opened its first treatment center, the task force began to change its original plans, which called for spending as much as \$1 billion to deploy 3,000 troops to build 17 treatment centers.

As of Jan. 8, the Defense Department had spent less than a third of the amount planned. Troop levels reached a high point of roughly 2,300, with total personnel including civilians numbering around 2,800.

Task force members eventually built or contracted 10 treatment centers, with USAID building another five. The final seven centers were built with 50 beds instead of 100. Some centers had yet to see a single patient as of January, task force spokesman Lt. Col. Brian

DeSantis said at the time.

The relief charity World Food Programme and USAID have assumed the military's logistics role. Some military units were still performing blood tests for the disease as of January, but even that role had been increasingly assumed by other organizations.

Roughly 10,000 civilian responders remain on the ground in West Africa, according to the Pentagon announcement.

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DOJ: 5 mortgage companies owe \$123M to about 1K servicemembers

By WYATT OLSON
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About 1,000 servicemembers are eligible to receive more than \$123 million from five mortgage service companies as compensation for unlawful home foreclosures, the Justice Department announced Monday.

The companies found to have violated the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act were JP Morgan Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Citibank, GMAC Mortgage and BAC Home Loans Servicing, formerly known as Countrywide Home Loans Servicing.

Under this round of payments filed in the settlements, 666 servicemembers and their co-borrowers will receive more than \$88 million from JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citibank and GMAC Mortgage.

The other 286 servicemembers and their co-borrowers received more than \$35.5 million from Bank of America in an earlier settlement.

The unlawful foreclosures occurred from 2006 to 2012.

Under the settlement for mortgages serviced by Wells Fargo, Citibank and GMAC Mortgage, each affected servicemember will

“While this compensation will provide a measure of relief, the fact is that service members should never have to worry about losing their home to an illegal foreclosure while they are serving our country.”

Stuart F. Delery
acting associate attorney general

receive \$125,000, plus any lost equity in the property and interest on that equity, the announcement said.

Eligible co-borrowers will also be compensated for lost equity.

“These unlawful judicial foreclosures forced hundreds of service members and their families out of their homes,” Acting Associate Attorney General Stuart F. Delery said in the Justice Department announcement.

“While this compensation will provide a measure of relief, the fact is that service members should never have to worry about losing their home to an illegal foreclosure while they are serving our country,” he said.

Vanita Gupta, acting assistant attorney general of the department's Civil Rights Division, said in the announcement that officials expect “the compensation of addi-

tional service members who were subjected to unlawful judicial foreclosures or excess interest charges.”

Gupta said the companies had been “working cooperatively” with the Justice Department.

Some states allow banks to foreclose on overdue home mortgages

without going through court hearings, a process known as nonjudicial foreclosure.

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act prohibits such foreclosures against active military members and veterans during a set post-service period, as long as the mortgages were taken out before their military service began.

The act protects servicemembers from foreclosure even in states that allow nonjudicial proceedings.

Thenewsettlementalso provides compensation for servicemembers whose mortgage servicer failed to file a proper court affidavit stating whether the borrower was in the military, and for servicemembers

who were denied the benefit of the Civil Relief Act's interest rate cap of 6 percent.

Servicemembers who are entitled to compensation for these violations will be identified later this year, the announcement said.

Servicemembers or their dependents are advised to contact the Armed Forces Legal Assistance office if they believe their Civil Relief Act rights have been violated.

The nearest location of an assistance office can be found at legalassistance.law.af.mil. Further information about laws protecting the rights of servicemembers is at servicemembers.gov.

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MILITARY

New allegations for GI charged in 2 rape cases

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — A 173rd Airborne Brigade soldier awaiting trial in two rape cases is now being investigated for allegedly attacking two more women after he escaped house arrest in December, his lawyer said Tuesday.

In the first stages of what could be more felony charges against him, Pfc. Jerelle Gray is under investigation by Vicenza prosecutors for allegedly accosting two women, demanding sex and punching one of the women in the face, according to Italian media reports. The new assaults allegedly occurred in December after Gray left his Del Din barracks, where he was under house arrest while awaiting trials on previous charges he'd attacked women on two separate occasions. In November 2013, a 17-year-old girl told authorities he'd dragged her into an alley near a disco and raped her.

Eight months later, Gray, along with a friend, Pvt. Darius McCullough, was accused of raping and beating a Romanian woman who sometimes worked as a prostitute and was six months pregnant. That woman spent 10 days in the hospital after the attack, according to Italian media.

Gray, 22, appeared at a preliminary hearing at a Vicenza court Tuesday. He was escorted from his Verona jail cell by five Italian carabinieri, three more than is usual in prison transport, said Gray's lawyer, Sara Motta. His trial in the first case was set to begin March 31 and, with hearings scheduled monthly, would likely last a year, Motta said.

Motta said a psychiatrist had interviewed Gray and was expected to present a report to the judge on any psychiatric diagnoses early next month.

Gray's detention in the Verona jail, unusual for an American servicemember, follows previous more lenient treatment from Ital-

ian authorities, who declined an Army request to transfer criminal jurisdiction in Gray's cases. After the first rape allegation, Gray remained free and on duty status. The Italian prosecutor had requested Gray be kept in custody, according to local media, but the judge said he believed Gray was neither a flight risk nor likely



Gray

to commit another offense. Even after the second rape allegation, Gray was ordered into house arrest at Del Din rather than into an Italian jail. The Army does not have a jail in Italy, and the U.S. offered to incarcerate Gray at the United States Army Corrections Facility-Europe in Germany, said Maj. Mike Weisman, 173rd Airborne Brigade spokesman.

McCullough, 21, remains under Del Din house arrest, Weisman said. He said that Italian carabinieri had been monitoring the pair's compliance with their house arrest and that the Army bore no responsibility in Gray's leaving the base. Gray is one of only a dozen Americans imprisoned in Italy, according to Antigone, an Italian nonprofit group that advocates for human rights in prisons.

Motta said that she had persuaded the judge to allow Gray visitors. But she said only one soldier had visited him. He also had a one-time official visit from an Army legal official. "He is not feeling good," she said of her client.

A second trial for Gray and McCullough in the alleged beating, robbery and gang rape of the Romanian woman has not yet been scheduled.

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Prosecutor: Ex-Marine impaired when Kyle died

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — A prosecutor is telling jurors that the former Marine on trial for killing the celebrated Navy SEAL depicted in the movie "American Sniper" was numbed by marijuana and whiskey at the time of the fatal shooting.

Erath County District Attorney Alan Nash said in opening statements Wednesday that overwhelming evidence points

to Eddie Ray Routh as the killer of former sniper Chris Kyle and another man in February 2013. Routh is charged with capital murder.

Defense attorney Tim Moore didn't dispute that Routh accompanied the men to a shooting range but said he was spiraling out of control from mental illness and thought he needed to kill them or they would turn on him. Kyle's military exploits were depicted in his memoir and the blockbuster based on it.

From The Associated Press



DAVID HANCOCK/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The guided-missile frigate USS Taylor, foreground, and the Turkish navy frigate TCG Turgutreis conduct a tactical maneuvering exercise in the Black Sea on May 11, three months after the Taylor went aground.

Navy inquiry faults poor navigation in USS Taylor grounding in Turkey

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Faulty navigation was to blame for last year's grounding of a guided-missile frigate in a Turkish port in the Black Sea, according to a Navy investigation.

The USS Taylor struck ground while entering the port of Sam-sun, Turkey, on Feb. 12, bending three propeller blades and leaking hydraulic oil into the water. The Navy eventually towed the ship to a facility on Crete for \$4.8 million in repairs.

The incident marred a high-profile cruise for the Taylor, one of two Navy warships to sail into the Black Sea a week earlier in response to threats against the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. The other ship was the USS Mount Whitney.

The Navy relieved the Taylor's commanding officer, Cmdr. Dennis Volpe, weeks after the incident, a routine move after accidents at sea. The service approved a final version of the investigation in July and released a redacted version to Stars and Stripes this week upon request.

The investigation found the ship's navigation team never realized it was so far to the right of its planned track into the port, even after striking ground. The track, which was determined before the ship's approach into port, followed a narrow channel between two jetties, each of which was surrounded by shallower water marked by ship's navigators as a "danger zone."

As the Taylor transited between the jetties, crewmembers failed to check the ship's position according to Navy navigation rules, which require a fix — or a new reading on position — every three minutes in dangerous waters. By the time the ship ran aground, about seven minutes had passed since the prior fix, the report said.

The crew later freed the ship, returned to the harbor and then moored successfully. Volpe told an investigator he thought the ship had been within the channel when it struck something. For the second approach, he ordered a small boat to go in front of the Taylor and take depth soundings, a decision criticized in the

report.

The investigator also questioned why wind speed and current weren't watched more closely as the frigate entered port. In addition, the investigator said the navigation team paid little attention to margins of error in its charts and GPS fixes.

The local pilot, a Turkish mariner brought aboard to help navigate the ship's entry, proved unhelpful, according to the report.

Volpe was given a nonjudicial punishment, as was the ship navigator, assistant navigator and watch supervisor for the ship's combat information center, the

report said. The ship's executive officer, who was responsible for the navigator, was written up administratively.

The Taylor returned to the Black Sea in April as part of ongoing Navy cruises in the region after Russia's invasion and annexation of Crimea last year.

Adm. Philip S. Davidson, then-commander of U.S. 6th Fleet, signed off on the investigation's findings in July. The investigation, he wrote, "may be a valuable case study in the training of navigation teams."

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MILITARY

Sex assaults involving military students drop

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of reported sexual assaults involving students at three military service academies went down in the most recent school year, capping a year that saw the military continue to struggle with high-profile cases among leaders and in the schools.

A new Pentagon report finds that there were 61 reported sexual assaults involving students at the academies in the 2013-14 school year, compared with 70 in 2012-13. The report includes the results of an anonymous survey that shows a similar decrease in the number of students who say they experienced unwanted sexual contact.

The survey, however, also found that more than 40 percent of students who said they experienced unwanted sexual contact said they also believed that they faced retaliation, either from their leadership or socially from other cadets or midshipmen.

The report was set to be made public Wednesday, but The Associated Press obtained the academy data ahead of the release.

This was the first time the academy report looked at potential retaliation, but the findings mirror a recent survey of the U.S. military that said more than 60 percent of the women who said they filed sexual assault complaints also said they experienced some type of retaliation. Those numbers raised concerns among congressional lawmakers, and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in December that officials must tackle the retaliation problem head on.



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Graduates recite the pledge of allegiance at the Naval Academy graduation ceremony in Annapolis, Md., on May 23. Sexual assaults involving midshipmen increased in 2013-14, according to a report released Wednesday.

"When someone reports a sexual assault, they need to be embraced and helped, not ostracized or punished with retribution," Hagel said at the time.

The Pentagon has been under increasing pressure from top leaders and lawmakers to reduce sexual assault across the military, improve treatment for victims and address some of the underlying problems, such as alcohol use.

At the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, officials have specifically pointed to drinking and disrespect and poor leadership among athletes as potential problems.

According to the data, the number of reported sexual assaults increased at West Point and the Naval Academy, but de-

creased at the Air Force Academy.

The overall decline, from 70 to 61, was largely the result of a drop in the number of reports filed by civilians against cadets and midshipmen and a decline in the number of students reporting assaults that occurred before they attended the academies. There were 53 reports of sexual assault filed in the 2013-14 school year by cadets or midshipmen who said the attack happened while they were at the academy. That number was the same in the 2012-13 school year.

According to the 2014 anonymous survey, about 8 percent of female students and 1 percent of men said they experienced unwanted sexual contact, compared to 12.4 percent and 2 percent, respectively, when the questionnaire was last conducted, in 2012. That represents a decrease of about 200 assault victims, the Pentagon estimated.

Based on the decline in reports and the survey results, the Pentagon concluded that 1 in every 6 victims came forward in the last year, compared to 1 in 10 the previous year. Military officials have been developing programs and training across the services to reduce the stigma and encourage victims to report assaults.

Congress has continued to press for changes to the military justice system, complaining that the Pentagon has not done enough to combat sexual assault across the military and make it easier and more acceptable for victims to report harassment and assaults. At the same time, high-profile assaults continue to rattle the services and the academies.

Admirals: Navy says all three improperly accepted gifts from 'Fat Leonard'

FROM FRONT PAGE

The authority is convened "to ensure that individuals are held appropriately accountable when less than criminal allegations are substantiated," according to the Navy statement.

During the investigation time frame, Kraft served as commander of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, while Miller served as carrier strike group

commander and Kraft's superior. Pimpino, who currently heads Naval Supply Systems Command's weapons support department, was the carrier's supply officer at the time.

Richardson's investigation concluded that all three officers violated Navy ethical conduct standards after they improperly accepted gifts from Francis. One of the admirals, who was not

named, was also censured for soliciting gifts from GDMA.

Two of the admirals were also cited for improperly endorsing a commercial business. The admirals' actions and overly familiar relationship with Francis "cultivated an unacceptable ethical climate within the respective commands," according to the statement.

Kraft will retire next month. Naval Forces Japan officials said

Wednesday. He was not immediately available for comment.

Rear Adm. Matthew J. Carter, who currently heads the Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, has been appointed to assume Kraft's present command.

Rear Adm. Paul J. Verraastro, currently assigned to the Office of Chief of Naval Operations, will replace Pimpino. Miller has been

serving as an assistant to the Naval Academy superintendent, and his successor has not yet been named.

Vice Adm. Ted Branch and Rear Adm. Bruce Loveless have remained under investigation for their connections with GDMA for more than a year, but have not yet been charged.

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NATION



Commuters walk between piles of snow on a street in downtown Boston on Wednesday.

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No rest for weary New England expecting more snow

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Just as southern New England residents have finished digging out from the last storm, forecasters say more snow is on the way.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Stephanie Duntan said Tuesday that the region, which already has set record snowfalls, is on track to see a fairly weak system bring 2 to 4 inches of new snow to many Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. It's expected to happen Thursday into Friday morning.

The snowfall will vary: Cape Cod could see up to 6 inches, while western Massachusetts and portions of Connecticut could get 1 to 3 inches.

Forecasters also are watching a much larger storm that could dump higher amounts Sunday into Monday. Duntan said it's too early to say how much that might ultimately bring.

She also warned of bitterly cold temperatures Friday through the President's Day weekend. "The snow is not going to be melting anytime soon," Duntan said. "We recommend homeowners scrape any snow off their roofs to avoid overloading, as we've already seen a few roofs collapsing."

Communities, in the meantime, continue to grapple with the impact of back-to-back-to-back storms in a more than two-week span. Among the top priorities: getting commuter train and subway services back on track and assessing the growing costs to state and local governments for

cleanup efforts.

Greater Boston's aging rail system resumed limited service Wednesday after shutting down completely Monday evening and all day Tuesday to give crews time to properly clear away snow and ice from tracks. Massachusetts officials say they will be seeking federal disaster relief funds as communities like Boston say they've far exceeded their snow removal budgets.

Making up for lost school days also is becoming a pressing challenge.

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh said the city may have to consider holding classes on Saturdays or over spring break if it's forced to cancel another day of school. The city has seen an unprecedented 6 feet of snow this year and has canceled school on eight days.

Walsh said that Boston, at minimum, will extend the school year to June 30 and hold classes on two unique Massachusetts holidays: "Evacuation Day" on March 17 and "Bunker Hill Day" on June 17.

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Obama disputes gay marriage view

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is disputing a longtime aide's view that the president feigned opposition to gay marriage, compromising his true beliefs out of concern it could hurt him with voters.

Former Obama strategist David Axelrod writes in a new book that Obama modified his public position to say he supported civil unions but not gay marriage. Axelrod says that was because his political advisers told him supporting gay marriages could hurt him politically.

But Obama told BuzzFeed News in an interview posted late Tuesday night that Axelrod is "mixing up my personal feelings with my position on the issue."

Axelrod wrote that Obama begrudgingly followed advice that he would face strong oppo-

sition from African American religious leaders and others if he let it be known he supported gay marriage.

"Having prided himself on forthrightness, though, Obama never felt comfortable with his compromise and, no doubt, compromised position," Axelrod wrote in the memoir, "Believer: My Forty Years in Politics," released Tuesday.

Axelrod's disclosure affirmed what was widely suspected for years: that Obama's May 2012 announcement that he supported gay marriage came long after the president had personally come to that conclusion.

The year earlier Obama and the White House had started saying his position was "evolving," leading many to believe he was holding off on a public embrace of gay marriage for fear it could damage his re-election prospects.

"If Obama's views were 'evolving' publicly, they were fully evolved behind closed doors," Axelrod wrote.

Obama told BuzzFeed News that "I always felt that same-sex couples should be able to enjoy the same rights, legally, as anybody else, and so it was frustrating to me not to, I think, be able to square that with what were a whole bunch of religious sensitivities out there."

He added that he thought civil unions were "a sufficient way of squaring the circle," but that "the pain and the sense of stigma that was being placed on same-sex couples who are friends of mine" changed his mind.

"I think the notion that somehow I was always in favor of marriage, per se, isn't quite accurate," Obama said, apparently referring to gay marriage.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Obama sends Congress war powers request

By NEDRA PICKLER
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama sent Congress legislation Wednesday to authorize military force against Islamic State fighters, asking lawmakers to “show the world we are united in our resolve” to defeat militants who have overrun parts of the Middle East and threaten attacks on the United States.

In urging Congress to back military force, the president ruled out “enduring offensive combat operations,” a deliberately ambiguous phrase designed to satisfy lawmakers with widely different views on any role for U.S. ground troops.

Majority Republicans in Congress responded warily to the request.

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, expressed doubt it would “give our military commanders the flexibility and authorities they need to succeed and protect our people.” He said changes were likely before the measure comes to a vote, although an initial House committee hearing was set for Thursday.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., like Boehner, said the proposal would receive serious consideration.

There was no timetable for Congress to act on the president’s request, which triggers the first war powers vote in Congress since President George W. Bush sought and won an authorization



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Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., right, accompanied by Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., gestures during a Wednesday news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington concerning President Barack Obama's request to authorize military force against Islamic State fighters.

in 2002 before the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

In a letter to lawmakers that accompanied the three-page draft legislation, Obama said the Islamic State “poses a threat to the people and stability of Iraq, Syria and the broader Middle East and to U.S. national security.”

While asking Congress to bar long-term, large-scale ground combat operations like those in Afghanistan and Iraq, Obama

said he wants the flexibility for ground combat operations “in other more limited circumstances.” Those include rescue missions, intelligence collection and the use of special operations forces in possible military action against Islamic State leaders.

The issue of ground forces is likely to prove difficult in the administration’s attempt to win passage of legislation.

While some Republicans favor

Obama said in a three-page letter to Congress that he wants the flexibility for ground combat operations in “limited” circumstances.

their use, many Democrats oppose it, mindful of the long and deadly war in Iraq.

The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, of California, issued a statement that refrained from endorsing Obama’s proposal. It said Congress should act judiciously and promptly to pass legislation “narrowly tailored” to the fight against the Islamic State group. She has said previously she opposes deploying U.S. “boots on the ground.”

In his letter, Obama referred to four American hostages who have died in Islamic State custody — at least three of them beheaded. He said the group, if left unchecked, “will pose a threat beyond the Middle East, including to the United States homeland.”

Among the four hostages was Kayla Mueller, 26, a humanitarian worker whose death under unknown circumstances was confirmed Tuesday.

In addition, the group has urged sympathizers to attack Western targets.

Obama proposed a three-year time limit on the authorization for the use of force, a schedule that would leave the legislation in force through the first year of his successor’s term in office.

He also proposed no geographic limitations where U.S. forces

could pursue the militants. The authorization covers the Islamic State and “associated persons or forces,” defined as those fighting on behalf of or alongside Islamic State militants, “or any closely-related successor entity in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners.”

Obama’s resolution would repeal a 2002 authorization for force in Iraq but maintain a 2001 authorization against al-Qaida in Afghanistan. He said in his letter to lawmakers that his goal is to refine and ultimately repeal that measure, as well.

At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest said the ground troop limitation would allow special operations missions, such as potential raids targeting Islamic State leaders and the failed attempt last summer to rescue Mueller and other hostages held by the group.

“It’s impossible to envision every scenario where ground combat troops might be necessary,” Earnest said in the White House’s first interview laying out its case for the resolution.

“The president believes this sort of strikes the right balance of enforcing what he has indicated is our policy, while preserving the ability to make some adjustments as necessary,” Earnest told The Associated Press.

Kurdish fighters seeking to become significant force

By ZEINA KARAM
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The Associated Press

BEIRUT — For Kurdish fighters, last month’s victory over Islamic State militants in the town of Kobani in northern Syria was only the beginning.

Their ambition is to build on an alliance with moderate rebels in Syria and become the chief force fighting the extremists in the country.

Its commanders say such an alliance could be just the partner that the West has been seeking all along in the battle against the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS or ISIL, which began its rise in 2013 and now holds a third of both Syria and neighboring Iraq.

The Kurds quickly emerged as a potent foe for the Islamic extremists. Last August, fighters of the YPG, the main Kurdish force, battled Islamic State militants to carve out an escape route for tens of thousands of members of Iraq’s Yazidi minority who were trapped on a mountaintop.

The fight for Kobani, which is on the border between Syria and Turkey, began after rapid Islamic State advances in mid-September.

It further thrust Syria’s Kurds to the forefront of the anti-Islamic State groups.

“The Kurds have proved to be a very reliable partner on the ground where none other exists in Syria,” said Mutlu Civioglu, a Kurdish affairs analyst who focuses on Syria and Turkey.

“In my view, if the West is looking for a partner, Kobani provides a successful example where Kurds and Arabs could work together to get rid of ISIS. ... It’s a good model,” he said.

Like their Iraqi brethren, Syria’s Kurds have used the region’s conflicts to further their nationalistic goals, carving out effective self-rule in the northeastern corner of Syria called Rojava, where they make up the majority.

For a long while after the uprising against President Bashar Assad began in March 2011, the Kurds tried to pursue their own path — distinct from both the Syrian government and members of the opposition to the Damascus government.

That led to accusations among Syria’s overwhelmingly Sunni rebels that the Kurds were siding with Assad’s forces. There were repeated clashes, particularly



JANE SMITH/AP

A Free Syrian Army fighter from Shams al-Shamal heads to the front line in Kobani, Syria, last November. Kurdish fighters plan to build an alliance with moderate Syrian rebels to battle extremists.

between the Kurds and the more extremist rebel groups in northern Syria.

In the battle for Kobani, the Kurds say it was their determination and discipline that made the difference and showed they are worthy of Western support. A U.S.-led air assault began Sept. 23, with Kobani the target of about a half-dozen daily airstrikes.

At one point in October, the U.S. dropped bundles of weapons and medical supplies for the Kurdish fighters — a first in the Syrian conflict. Dozens of Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga forces joined their brethren in Kobani, bringing in

heavy weapons that neutralized the Islamic State group’s artillery advantage.

But Kurds say it was also a group of fighters from the Free Syrian Army who helped them turn the tide against the militants in Kobani.

In September, the YPG created a joint operations room with several moderate FSA brigades that formed an umbrella group called “Burkan al-Furat” — Arabic for the “Volcano of the Euphrates.”

The FSA units involved were made up of few hundred fighters, mostly ethnic Arabs and some Turkmen from nearby Minbij.

They included small units such as Shams al-Shamal — the “Sun of the North” brigade — and the Raqqa Revolutionaries, whose fighters were ousted from areas now controlled by the Islamic State group.

Col. Abdul Jabbar al-Qasbi, a senior FSA commander, said fighting alongside each other has built confidence between the Kurds and the FSA, and it has also dispelled suspicions among many FSA members that the Kurds were Assad supporters.

“It will shape the future of a free Syria,” he said.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Detainee's turn to Islamic State hampers effort to close Guantanamo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — During six years behind bars at Guantanamo Bay, Abdul Rauf insisted he was a lowly Taliban foot soldier who delivered bread and tea to combatants, even though he was really a corps commander. He was released in 2007 and sent home to Afghanistan. Until this week, he was working as the top recruiter in Afghanistan for Islamic State militants.

Rauf, who was killed along with seven others in a U.S. drone strike on Monday, and detainees like him who have returned to the battlefield are complicating President Barack Obama's hopes of closing the detention center for terrorism suspects on the U.S. Navy base in Cuba. The administration says the prison is costly, damages America's relationship with key allies and provides a powerful propaganda tool to two recruits.

Obama has vowed since he was a presidential candidate to close the detention center, but members of Congress have thwarted that ambition, saying the detainees would return to the fight. They also argue that governments where the detainees would be released in the region couldn't be expected to keep track of them and prevent them from becoming active again.

Besides Rauf, one or more of the Taliban detainees swapped for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl may have already been in touch with members of the al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network. Qatari officials promised to monitor the five former Taliban officials' activities and keep them from traveling outside Qatar for a year. That year ends May 31 and lawmakers are wondering what will happen to them.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest has said the five are still in Qatar, but he says efforts to keep them from working with terrorist organizations "have been updated" to reflect concerns about their contacts. Qatari Foreign Minister Khalid bin Mohammed al-Attiyah said at an event in Washington last week that the five continue to be monitored.

Those reassurances have not satisfied Republican lawmakers, especially in light of confirmation Tuesday of Rauf's death.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby said Rauf's death by an American drone shows that detainees "return to the battlefield and to the fight at their own peril."

Another complication is the security situation in Yemen. Some detainees who were released were sent to Yemen, where the government there was overthrown last week by Iran-backed Shiite rebels, meaning detainees could not be sent there any time soon. On Tuesday the U.S. closed its embassy in Yemen, which also is home to al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.



HANI MOHAMMED/AP

Police stand guard at the entrance of the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, on Wednesday.

Embassies in Yemen close

US, UK and France suspend operations amid security chaos

Staff and wire reports

SANAA, Yemen — The United States, Britain and France said Wednesday they were closing their embassies in Yemen amid the turmoil in the wake of the Shiite rebels' takeover of the country.

The closures — which came as Yemen marks four years since the start of its own Arab Spring uprising that eventually ousted the country's longtime autocratic ruler — were an ominous sign for the faltering U.N.-brokered negotiations between the Houthi rebels and their political rivals.

This impoverished Arabian Peninsula country has been in crisis for months, with the Iranian-backed Houthis besieging the capital, Sanaa, and then taking control. In January, the rebels put U.S.-backed President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and all his Cabinet ministers under house arrest, leading to their resignations. Subsequently, the Houthis — who are followers of the Shiite Zaydi sect in the Sunni-majority Yemen — dissolved parliament and declared they were taking over the government.

On Tuesday, the State Department announced it suspended operations at the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa and relocated remaining diplomatic personnel "due to the ongoing political instability and the uncertain security situation." The embassy had been operating with only a skeleton staff for some weeks amid deteriorating conditions.

U.S. defense officials said that all of the U.S. troops who were guarding the Embassy departed Yemen on commercial aircraft with the diplomatic staff. There had been a robust security detail at the Embassy, including members of a new Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force based in Kuwait and Bahrain, according to U.S. defense officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the evacuation. SPMAGTF-Crisis Response-Central Command was stood up last year to respond to crises in the Middle East. One

senior defense official said that an extra contingent of Marines had been at the Embassy in Sanaa for months because of the unrest. The officials would not say exactly how many American troops had been guarding the Embassy.

During the evacuation, U.S. military drones circled overhead to monitor the situation, and AV-8 Harrier fighter jets from the USS Iwo Jima — which had been stationed off the coast of Yemen as the crisis there deepened — were airborne if needed, according to the senior defense official.

No military personnel were left behind to guard the vacated Embassy compound, contrary to what some news outlets have reported, officials said.

Before they departed, the Marines who were guarding the Embassy destroyed or rendered inoperable their heavier crew-served weapons, such as machine guns.

Military vehicles were left behind at the Embassy, but Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren did not know how many or what types.

Troops took their personal weapons with them when they left the compound because "the movement from the Embassy to the airport required armed Marines," Warren said.

CNN, citing a Yemeni airport official, reported that Houthi rebels at the airport wouldn't allow the Marines to leave the country with their weapons.

Warren confirmed that the Ma-

lines handed over their sidearms and rifles, but he said he didn't know to whom.

"It's unclear, frankly. We believe they turned them over to government officials at the airport prior to boarding the aircraft," he told reporters.

When asked why U.S. troops surrendered their weapons, Warren said: "They flew out on commercial aircraft, and as everyone knows, weapons are generally not authorized on commercial aircraft."

The decision to evacuate the Embassy staff and military guards via commercial aircraft instead of military planes was made following consultations between the Pentagon and the State Department, according to the senior defense official. The official said that sometimes commercial air is deemed preferable because it is more "discreet" than bringing in American military aircraft.

Warren was asked about the risks of leaving behind vehicles and weapons that could be used by hostile forces. "Certainly plans have to be made ... for all equipment," he said. But "when evacuating, you can only do so much."

U.S. officials said the Embassy's closure would not affect counterterrorism operations against al-Qaida's Yemen branch considered by Washington to be the world's most dangerous offshoot of the global terror group. Yemeni officials, however, say the move was likely to curtail U.S. military operations in the country.

Ex-official: Pakistan likely hid bin Laden

Stars and Stripes

Pakistan's former spy chief has told Qatar-based news outlet Al Jazeera that the country's intelligence services most likely sheltered Osama bin Laden in the years leading up to his death in a U.S. raid.

Lt. Gen. Asad Durrani, who served as director general of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence from 1990 to 1992, said he doubted the official line given by Pakistan's intelligence services that it was unaware of the al-Qaida leader's whereabouts until his death, implying that Pakistan would only have exchanged knowledge of his location in a quid-pro-quo deal, Al Jazeera reported.

"I cannot say exactly what happened but ... it is quite possible that [the ISI] did not know but it was more probable that they did," Durrani said.

Durrani said bin Laden was handed over in exchange for an agreement on "how to bring the Afghan problem to an end."

Officially, the ISI maintains that it did not harbor bin Laden and played no part in the May 2011 raid.

According to the U.S., the raid on bin Laden's compound was conducted without the knowledge of the Pakistani government or its military, Al Jazeera noted.

US forces tried to rescue Kayla Mueller

TUCSON, Ariz. — An attempt to rescue Kayla Mueller and other American hostages occurred in a July 4 raid previously disclosed by the Pentagon.

U.S. special forces commandos conducted a raid in the predawn hours on a prison in Islamic State's Syrian stronghold of Raqqa. But the mission was unsuccessful because hostages — including Mueller, 26, as well as American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff — had already been moved and weren't there at the time.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Islamic State steadily drawing recruits

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. bombing campaign in Iraq and Syria has failed to slow the pace of foreign fighters flocking to join the Islamic State and other extremist groups, including at least 3,400 from Western nations among 20,000 from around the world, U.S. intelligence officials say in an updated estimate of a top terrorism concern.

Intelligence agencies now believe that as many as 150 Americans have tried and some have succeeded in reaching the Syrian war zone, officials told the House Homeland Security Committee in testimony prepared for delivery on Wednesday. Some of those Americans were arrested en route, some died in the area and a small number were still fighting with extremists.

The testimony and other data were obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Nick Rasmussen, chief of the National Counterterrorism Center, said the rate of foreign fighter travel to Syria is without precedent, far exceeding the rate of foreigners who went to wage jihad in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Yemen or Somalia at any other point in the past 20 years.

U.S. officials fear that some of the foreign fighters will return undetected to their homes in Europe or the U.S. to mount terrorist attacks. At least one of the men responsible for the attack on a satirical magazine in Paris had spent time with Islamic extremists in Yemen.

Meanwhile, the White House circulated a proposal Tuesday that would have Congress authorize the U.S. military to fight Islamic State terrorists over the next three years. A formal re-

quest for legislation is expected on Wednesday.

Also at the White House, President Barack Obama praised Kayle Jean Mueller, the young American whose death was confirmed Tuesday. Mueller died while in Islamic State hands, though the group blamed a Jordanian airstrike.

"No matter how long it takes, the United States will find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible for Kayla's captivity and death," Obama said.

As for foreign fighters, officials acknowledge it has been hard to track the Americans and Europeans who have made it to Syria, where the Islamic State group is the dominant force trying to overthrow the government of President Bashar Assad. The U.S. Embassy in Syria is closed, and the CIA has no permanent presence on the ground.

"Once in Syria, it is very difficult to discern what happens there," according to Wednesday's prepared testimony of Michael Steinbach, the FBI's assistant director for counterterrorism. "This lack of clarity remains troubling."

The estimate of 20,000 fighters, from 90 countries, is up from 19,000, Rasmussen plans to tell the House committee, according to prepared testimony. The number of Americans or U.S. residents who have gone or tried to go is up to 150 from 50 a year ago and 100 in the fall.

Rep. Michael McCaul, the Texas Republican who chairs the committee, said in his prepared remarks that the Syrian war had created "the largest convergence of Islamist terrorists in world history." Sustained bombing by a U.S.-led coalition has not stopped the inflow, he noted.

McCaul's committee staff com-

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Michael Steinbach

FBI assistant director for counterterrorism

piled from public sources a list of 18 U.S. citizens or residents who joined or attempted to join the Islamic State group, and 18 others who tried to or succeeded in joining other violent Islamic groups. The list includes three Chicago teens and three Denver teens who were radicalized and recruited online and were arrested after attempting to travel to Syria to join Islamic State fighters. It also includes Douglas McArthur McCain, 33, a Californian who died in August while fighting with the Islamic State group near Aleppo.

U.S. intelligence officials do not make public their estimate of how many Americans currently are fighting in Syria and Iraq. In September, FBI director James Comey said it was "about a dozen."

Francis X. Taylor, who heads the Homeland Security Depart-

ment's intelligence office, said in his prepared testimony for the hearing that "we are unaware of any specific, credible, imminent threat to the homeland."

However, he said, the department is concerned that Americans who join violent extremist groups in Syria "could gain combat skills, violent extremist connections and possibly become persuaded to conduct organized or 'lone-wolf' style attacks that target U.S. and Western interests. We also have become increasingly aware of the possibility that Syria could emerge as a base of operations for al-Qaida's international agenda, which could include attacks against the homeland."

Taylor said the U.S. is trying to instruct other governments on how best to track foreign fighters, including "how they can compare airline manifests and reserva-

tion data against terrorist watch lists and other intelligence about terrorist travel." He said the U.S. outpaces other countries in that effort.

The intelligence officials also discussed the possibility of home-grown attacks inspired by the Islamic State or al-Qaida but not directly connected to the groups. Rasmussen, of the counterterrorism center, appeared to downplay that threat, saying it "will remain at its current level resulting in fewer than 10 uncoordinated and unsophisticated plots annually from a pool of up to a few hundred individuals, most of whom are known to the (intelligence agencies) and law enforcement."

McCaul said he fears the Obama administration is blind to the looming dangers of home-grown radicalism of the kind that led to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.

"We have no lead agency in charge of countering domestic radicalization and no line item for it in the budgets of key departments and agencies," he said. "I am also concerned that the few programs we do have in place are far too small to confront a challenge that has grown so quickly."

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DOD confirms death of senior al-Shabab leader

By JON HARPER

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby confirmed Tuesday that the U.S. military killed a senior leader of the al-Shabab militant group last month.

Last week, Kirby told reporters that a Jan. 31 American drone strike targeted Yusuf Dheeq, the head of external operations for the al-Qaida affiliated organization, which is based in Somalia. As of last week, officials were still trying to determine whether the strike was successful.

When the attack was an-

nounced, Kirby said that Dheeq's death would represent "another significant blow to al-Shabab and their ability to conduct, plan, prepare for and strike against targets inside and outside Somalia."

On Tuesday, Kirby told reporters that the Hellfire missiles hit their target south of Mogadishu.

"What I can confirm today is that we know we killed him and an associate in that strike. We do not assess ... that there was any civilian or bystander casualties as a result of that," he said.

Kirby did not identify Dheeq's associate who was killed.

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WORLD

Fighting rages as Ukraine talk near

The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Fighting continued to rage in eastern Ukraine Wednesday, killing five people at a bus station in the rebel stronghold of Donetsk, as Western leaders confirmed that they would take part in crucial peace talks being held later in the day.

Steffen Seibert, a spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said both she and French President Francois Hollande would travel to the Belarusian capital, Minsk, to attend the four-way summit alongside their Russian and Ukrainian counterparts.

European leaders have warned in recent days that there is no guarantee a deal will be reached with Moscow, which the West says is fueling a separatist rising in eastern Ukraine with troops and arms. Germany and France have rushed to mediate after a recent uptick in violence in the region, where fighting has killed at least 5,300 people since April.

In Donetsk, rebel officials said that five people were killed and nine wounded at the scene of a shelling attack early Wednesday on a bus station, where an Associated Press reporter saw one body. Donetsk city officials said in a statement that three people had been killed in shelling overnight.

Officials in Kiev also said Wednesday that 19 troops had been killed and 78 wounded in a day of fighting in Debaltseve, a hotly contested transport hub in the region.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko posted a statement on his website saying that he had made an impromptu visit to the war-torn region early Wednesday. Poroshenko stopped in the city of Kramatorsk, some 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the nearest front line, where Kiev says 16 people were killed and 48 wounded in a rocket strike Tuesday.

"We demand an unconditional peace," Poroshenko said. "We demand a cease-fire, a withdrawal of all foreign troops, and closing of the border. ... We will find a compromise within the country."



PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

An elderly woman walks past destroyed vehicles after a bus station was hit during shelling between Russian-backed separatists and the Ukrainian government forces in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Wednesday.

US troops to train Ukrainians

The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — The U.S. military plans in March to start training Ukrainian soldiers who are battling Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, a top U.S. military commander in Europe said Wednesday.

U.S. Army Europe commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges said a battalion of U.S. soldiers would train three battalions of Ukrainians from the Interior Ministry at the Yavoriv training center in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv.

The U.S. trainers will come from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, which is based in Vicenza, Italy, according to Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren.

Hodges' remarks came amid an intensification of fighting in eastern Ukraine, and as French, German, Ukrainian and Russian leaders met Wednesday in Minsk, Belarus, for peace talks whose success is far from certain. The plans for the training were made many months ago, however.

Hodges said Americans will teach the Ukrainians how to better defend themselves against "Russian and rebel artillery and rockets." Training will also include securing roads, bridges and other infrastructure, treating and evacuating casualties, and operating in an environment where Russians are jamming communications.

Hodges accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of arming and fomenting the pro-Russian separatists.

"I think it's very important to recognize these are not separatists, these are proxies for President Putin," Hodges said. "It is very obvious from the amount of ammunition, the type of equipment, that there is direct Russian military intervention in the area around Debaltseve."

The rebels are waging an offensive to take Debaltseve, a government-held railway junction that lies between the rebel-held cities of Luhansk and Donetsk.

Escapees tell of Boko Haram

Militants kidnap hundreds, brag of Chibok girls

The Associated Press

YOLA, Nigeria — When Islamic extremists snatched more than 270 girls from the Chibok boarding school in Nigeria in the dead of night, protests broke out worldwide. The U.S. pledged to help find them, and the #BringBackOurGirls hashtag was born.

Some 10 months later, most are still missing. The Boko Haram extremist group sees the mass kidnapping as a shining symbol of success, and has abducted hundreds of other girls, boys and women. The militants brag to their new captives about the surrender of the Chibok girls, their conversion to Islam and their marriage to fighters.

"They told me the Chibok girls have a new life where they learn to fight," said Abigail John, 15, who was held by Boko Haram for more than four weeks before escaping. "They said we should be like them and accept Islam."

The kidnappings reflect the growing ambition and brazenness of Boko Haram, which seeks to impose an Islamic state across Nigeria, Africa's most populous country. Some 10,000 people have died in the Islamic uprising during the past year, compared to 2,000 in the previous four years, according to the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations.

John was among three girls interviewed by The Associated Press who recently escaped from Boko Haram. While their stories could not be independently verified, they were strikingly similar, and all spoke of their captors' obsession with the Chibok girls.

The girls had no idea whether the militants were telling the truth or making up stories to taunt their victims. John said the fighters enjoyed relating how they had whipped and slapped the Chibok girls until they submitted.

When the Nigerian air force dropped a bomb on the house where John was confined, she tried to escape, she said. She wrestled with the fighters, but they broke her arm and hauled her

off to another house.

At the end of last year, the Nigerian army liberated the town where she was held. She is now in Yola with her father, sister and six brothers, in a house overcrowded with refugees.

The kidnappings of the Chibok girls in April brought Boko Haram to the world's attention in a way the group could not have imagined. Yet in the 10 months since, Boko Haram has increased the tempo and ferocity of its insurgency. In August, it began seizing and holding towns, and — copying the Islamic State group — declared it would recreate an Islamic caliphate in the region. The fighting has since spilled across Nigeria's borders.

Dorcas Aiden, 20, was another of those caught in Boko Haram's siege. She had finished high school and was living at home when the war came to her village. Fighters took her to a house in the town of Gulak and held her captive for two weeks last September.

The more than 50 teenage girls crammed into the house were beaten if they refused to study Quranic verses or conduct daily Muslim prayers, she said. When the fighters got angry, they shot their guns in the air. Aiden finally gave in and denied her Christian faith to become Muslim, at least in name, she said.

Aiden said the insurgents threatened to break the legs of any girl who tried to escape, but she and six others ran anyway. As she made her way through abandoned farm fields, she noticed that Boko Haram had filled about 10 other houses with kidnapped girls and women.

While dozens of Chibok girls escaped on their own after their kidnapping, 219 are still missing. Nigeria's military initially feared any action could lead to the girls being killed. But villagers reported last week that air force jets have begun bombing the Sambisa Forest — the area where fighters told Aiden some girls still are held captive.



LEKAN OYEKANMI/AP

Dorcas Aiden, 20, speaks to a journalist in Yola, Nigeria, on Jan. 31. Aiden was one of the girls kidnapped in Boko Haram's siege.

Hundreds missing after migrants' boats sink

The Associated Press

ROME — Some 300 migrants who tried to cross the frigid Mediterranean in open, rubber boats, were reported missing Wednesday by survivors as the U.N. refugee and other aid groups sharply criticized the new EU rescue operation as insufficient and costing lives.

The suspected deaths add to the 29 reported earlier in the week by the Italian coast guard, which said those victims had died of hypothermia during the voyage that began over the weekend in Libya, where most smuggling operations originate.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said survivors had reported that four boats had left

together, without food or water, and that the boats began taking on water almost immediately.

Some 107 people had been rescued by the Italian coast guard and a merchant ship. The agency's spokeswoman in Italy, Carlotta Sami, said the victims had been "swallowed up by the waves," the youngest a child of 12.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Coke profits pop on higher prices

BY CANDICE CHOI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coca-Cola reported a profit that topped Wall Street expectations Tuesday as it fetched higher prices for sodas in North America and stepped up marketing.

The better-than-expected results helped send up the company's shares, even though quarterly profit was dragged down 55 percent by unfavorable

currency rates overseas and one-time charges related to cost-cutting. The world's biggest

beverage maker has been struggling to boost global sales volume and said it expects 2015 to be another challenging year.

To make up for weak volume gains at home, the company has been using a variety of tactics including a focus on "minicans" and smaller bottles that are positioned as premium offerings and help push up revenue.

For the quarter, Coca-Cola's overall soda volume in North America was flat, while volume for noncarbonated drinks rose 3 percent. Its "price/mix" for the region, which factors in the prices and sizes of its drinks, rose 4 percent.

"A lot of it was driven by the smaller cans, which are more premium-priced," said Kathy Waller, Coca-Cola's chief financial officer, in a phone interview.

Coca-Cola is also significantly increasing marketing, including a double-digit percentage boost in media spending.

During a conference call, CEO

Muhtar Kent said 2015 would be a "transitional year" as the company continues to face challenges and undergoes dramatic cost-cutting to improve results.

To keep pace with changing tastes, Coca-Cola has diversified and owns an array of brands including Honest Tea and Zico coconut water that better fit with prevailing health trends.

Still, about 70 percent of Coca-Cola's global sales volume comes from carbonated soft drinks, according to Ali Dibadj, a Bernstein Research analyst.

Soda's image has also taken a beating from health advocates at home and overseas who blame it for fueling weight gain.

Meanwhile, Coca-Cola is working on reducing costs by \$3 billion a year to boost its financial results and have more money for marketing. Earlier this year, it said it was cutting up to 1,800 jobs as part of the push.

For the period ended Dec. 31, Coca-Cola Co. said it earned \$770

million, or 17 cents per share. Excluding one-time items such as unfavorable currency exchange rates and expenses related to its cost-cutting plan, it earned 44 cents per share. That topped the 42 cents per share analysts expected, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Total revenue slipped to \$10.87 billion, but beat Wall Street expectations of \$10.77 billion.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 12)	\$1.1604
Dollar buys (Feb. 12)	€0.8618
British pound (Feb. 12)	\$1.5010
Japanese yen (Feb. 12)	116.06
South Korean won (Feb. 12)	1,070.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5296
Canada (Dollar)	1.2654
China (Yuan)	6.2421
Denmark (Krone)	5.6901
Egypt (Pound)	1.2593
EU	\$1.1296/€0.8618
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7544
Hungary (Forint)	274.68
Israel (Shekel)	3.6760
Japan (Yen)	120.25
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2955
Norway (Krone)	7.4688
Philippines (Peso)	44.43
Poland (Zloty)	3.7838
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.6788
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3517
South Korea (Won)	1,070.29
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9244
Thailand (Baht)	3.6525

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.58

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Thursday's US temperatures

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Albany, N.Y.	57	46	PCldy	Chicago	57	46	PCldy	Grand Rapids	55	31	Cldy	Goodland	59	4	Cir	Portland, Ore.	58	53	Snow	Spokane	51	38	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	29	10	Snow	Cincinnati	20	20	Snow	Grand Junction	55	27	Cir	Madison	9	4	Cir	Pueblo	27	12	Snow	Springfield, Ill.	17	11	PCldy
Albuquerque	56	30	Cir	Cleveland	18	17	Snow	Grand Rapids	13	11	Cldy	Medford	60	36	Cir	Providence	62	21	Cir	Springfield, Mo.	19	13	PCldy
Albuquerque	56	30	Snow	Colorado Springs	57	46	PCldy	Great City	57	46	PCldy	Meridian	58	34	PCldy	Richmond	51	46	Snow	Syracuse	24	23	Snow
Amarillo	55	27	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	61	36	Cir	Green Bay	9	4	Cir	Miami Beach	73	56	Cir	Sioux City	51	14	Cldy	Syracuse	24	23	Snow
Anchorage	38	28	Snow	Columbus, Ga.	53	40	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	51	33	PCldy	Midland-Olesea	52	36	Cir	Reno	64	28	Cir	Tallahassee	66	42	Cir
Anchorage	38	28	Snow	Cody, Wyo.	57	46	PCldy	Harrisburg	57	46	PCldy	Richmond	51	34	Cir	Rockford	58	28	Snow	Tampa	66	42	Cir
Atlanta	45	39	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	21	0	Snow	Hardtford Spg	68	8	Snow	Mpls-St Paul	10	-2	Cir	Roskie	39	36	Cldy	Toledo	16	14	PCldy
Atlanta	45	39	PCldy	Cristobal	57	46	PCldy	Hartford	57	46	PCldy	Mobile	57	40	Cir	Rockford	58	28	Snow	Tucson	74	56	Cir
Austin	57	47	PCldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	53	38	PCldy	Honolulu	78	63	PCldy	Mobile	57	40	Cir	Rockford	58	28	Snow	Tucson	74	56	Cir
Baltimore	49	27	Cldy	Dayton	18	18	Snow	Houston	61	48	PCldy	Montgomery	51	38	PCldy	Sacramento	68	44	Cir	Tulsa	40	25	Cir
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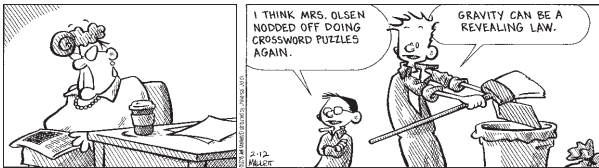
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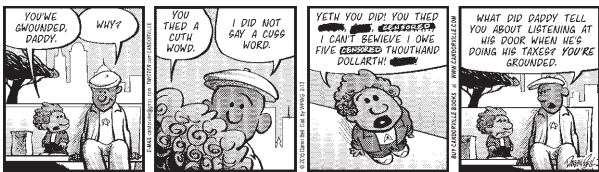
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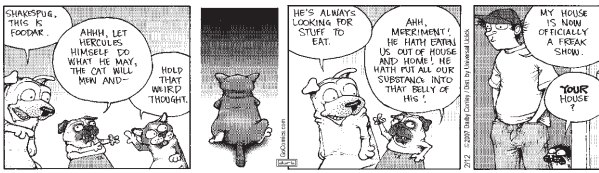
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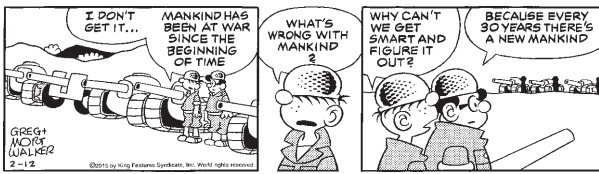
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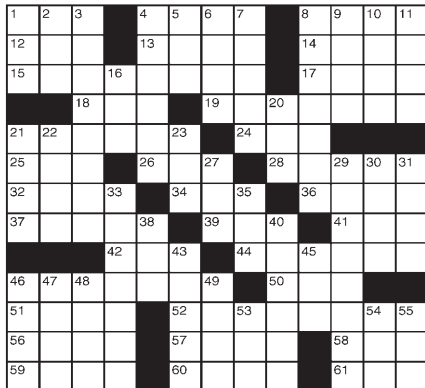
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 4 Moviegoer's memento
- 8 One of the Three Bears
- 12 Vanity
- 13 Zilch
- 14 — friendly
- 15 Missouri's state trees
- 17 Hard to find
- 18 Sticky stuff
- 19 Solver of the Sphinx's riddle
- 21 Light wind
- 24 Egyptian boy king
- 25 Always, in verse
- 26 Mess up
- 28 Tin star
- 32 Abound
- 34 Listener
- 36 The Big Easy, for short
- 37 Extemporize
- 39 Oktoberfest souvenir
- 41 Understand
- 42 Pouch
- 44 Points a finger at
- 46 24-Across, e.g.
- 50 Eggs
- 51 Doozie
- 52 Night shift of a sort
- 56 Hebrew month
- 57 "In — horse open sleigh"
- 58 Public radio's Flatow

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- 1 Married woman
- 2 Past
- 3 Humorous verse
- 4 Nap
- 5 Excessively
- 6 Loosen
- 7 Surround
- 8 Strict moralist
- 9 W/O delay
- 10 Machu Picchu site
- 11 Belligerent deity
- 16 Travail
- 20 Tweak the soundtrack
- 21 Software test version
- 22 Clarinetist's item
- 23 Previous to
- 27 Aries
- 29 Opinionated
- 30 Jane Lynch's show
- 31 Chows down
- 33 Blunder, as a ref might
- 35 Massage
- 38 Sheepish remark?
- 40 Sullen look
- 43 Musical endings
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- 46 Begged
- 47 Luau entertainment
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- 49 Earring type
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- 55 Fodder for Dobbin

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Woman accused of stealing from church

MS GULFPORT — A Louisiana woman is in jail, accused of stealing from a Gulfport church. Police told The Sun Herald that Annie Denise Dillard, 44, of Ponchatoula, La., was arrested Friday night after police responded to an alarm at Word of Faith Christian Center in Gulfport.

In responding to the call about 9:23 p.m., investigators said officers saw a broken window and a woman walking inside. She was arrested on a charge of burglary.

Dillard was taken to the Harrison County Jail, where she was being held on \$25,000 bond.

Man takes \$500 left at bank's drive-thru

PA CLEARFIELD — Police said a man hoping to pass a fraudulent check instead stole \$500 when he found that much money left behind by another customer at a drive-thru bank window.

Randy Gillen Jr., 28, was in the Clearfield County Jail on Monday awaiting a preliminary hearing.

Police told WJAC-TV that the Clearfield man hoped to cash a bogus \$1,900 check at CNB Bank, but instead drove away when he saw the \$500 left behind in the carrier tube from the previous customer on Jan. 29.

Police said Gillen later tried to pass the bad check at another bank and was rebuffed before Clearfield police found him hiding in his girlfriend's closet.

Mystery of grave at aquarium site solved

NC MANTEO — A mystery at the North Carolina Aquarium on the Outer Banks is solved.

It seems that in the front yard of the aquarium in Manteo is the grave of Richard Etheridge, the keeper of the nation's first all-black lifesaving station.

But the headstone is flat, not standing up, and many people have wondered about that.

The Virginian-Pilot, of Norfolk, reported that the mystery is now solved. During World War II, an airport was built at the site that once was a graveyard. A recently discovered 1942 letter from the Army Corps of Engineers directed that the headstones should be laid flat so as to not interfere with airport operations.

A 4-H camp recreation hall was later built in the area before the aquarium was built.

Boy hospitalized after shirt set on fire in car

FL JACKSONVILLE — Police said an 8-year-old Jacksonville boy was hospitalized after his shirt was accidentally set on fire by another child playing with a cigarette lighter.

Lt. Mike Eason, of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, said the boy was among three children waiting in a car Sunday evening for their aunt to finish shopping in a nearby store.

Eason told The Florida Times-



ANDREW D. BROSBIG, THE (NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS) DAILY SENTINEL/AP

Small fry competes in big event

Westi Myers, 5, of Athens, Texas, takes her turn on the second-to-last obstacle in the pole-bending event on Saturday at the county Expo Center in Nacogdoches, Texas. The Expo Center played host to hundreds of young competitors during the annual Pineywoods Youth Rodeo Association event.

Union that a 12-year-old boy in the car was playing with a cigarette lighter when he accidentally set the younger boy's shirt on fire.

Adults in the store extinguished the flames and called authorities. Eason said the 8-year-old's injuries initially appeared to be life-threatening, but he was later upgraded to serious condition.

The children's names were not released because of their ages.

Police: Pot smuggled into jail in boy's pants

NC BRUNSWICK — A North Carolina woman is accused of smuggling marijuana into a county jail in her 4-year-old son's pants.

The Fayetteville Observer reported that Jennifer Lynn Patterson, 24, of Fairmont, was

charged with providing drugs to an inmate.

The Columbus County Sheriff's Office said Patterson provided the marijuana to Cody Lambert, 24, who was in jail serving a nearly three-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a gun. Lambert has been charged with being an inmate in possession of marijuana.

Detective Kevin Norris said two children who were with Patterson when she went to the jail Sunday have been turned over to the Department of Social Services.

Police: Selfie of 'dumb' suspect leads to arrest

PA PITTSBURGH — A western Pennsylvania police chief said officers found a man trying to flee assault charg-

es because he posted a selfie on Facebook while sitting on a Greyhound bus out of town.

Ambridge Police Chief James Mann told the Beaver County Times that Donald Harrison, 22, was wanted on charges he assaulted a woman and wouldn't let her leave her apartment after an argument on Jan. 24.

An hour after the woman called police, Harrison, originally from Spartansburg, S.C., posted the Facebook message, "IT'S TIME TO LEAVE PA."

Police couldn't find him right away, but officers noticed the Facebook selfie on Sunday with the message saying he was headed to South Carolina. Police had him arrested when the bus stopped in Youngstown, Ohio. The chief said, "We like it when dumb criminals assist us."

THE CENSUS

\$17

The amount of an overnight parking ticket that clearly isn't deterring RV owners

jockeying for parking spaces along the Galveston Seawall during Mardi Gras weekends in Galveston, Texas. Police told The Galveston County Daily News that they slapped 60 tickets on illegally parked vehicles last Thursday and Friday. Normally, only a couple are written for an entire week. The city bans overnight camping on the seawall throughout the year, but the \$17 penalty is cheap compared with the \$200 or so for some hotel rooms along Seawall Boulevard during Mardi Gras.



Woman on death row to get clemency hearing

GA ATLANTA — The State Board of Pardons and Paroles has scheduled a clemency hearing for the only female death row inmate in Georgia, who is set to be executed later this month.

The board said in a statement Tuesday that the clemency hearing for Kelly Renee Gissendanner will be held Feb. 24. Gissendanner is set to die Feb. 25 at the state prison in Jackson.

Gissendanner was convicted of plotting with her boyfriend, Gregory Owen, to kill her husband and collect on the couple's two life insurance policies. Owen pleaded guilty and received a prison sentence of life.

If the execution happens, Gissendanner will be the first woman executed in Georgia since 1945.

The parole board is the only entity in Georgia with the authority to reduce a death sentence to life without parole.

Arraignments in huge bribery case underway

NY NEW YORK — Authorities say 16 city inspectors and dozens of landlords and contractors formed a network of graft that exchanged \$450,000 in payoffs to get safety violations dismissed and procure property eviction orders.

Arraignments were underway Tuesday in the 50-person case. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. and city Department of Investigation Commissioner Mark Peters said it involves 11 building inspectors, five housing inspectors and a raft of disparate schemes.

The city Buildings and Housing Preservation & Development departments noted that they flagged the problems. They said several accused workers have resigned or been suspended.

From wire reports

FACES



Comedy Central

“In my heart I know it's time for someone else to have the opportunity. This show doesn't deserve any even slightly restless host, and neither do you.”

BY SCOTT COLLINS
AND MEREDITH BLAKE
Los Angeles Times

Jon Stewart plans to step aside as host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" later this year, ending a 16-year run that changed the way Americans view the news.

Stewart, 52, made the announcement at the end of his show Tuesday in New York. Under his watch, "The Daily Show" navigated new frontiers in comedy and journalism. He tweaked newsmakers and news organizations with equal relish, along the way influencing the media elites he frequently pilloried.

"In my heart I know it's time for someone else to have the opportunity," Stewart told viewers. "This show doesn't deserve any even slightly restless host, and neither do you."

Under Stewart, the show's stature grew so much that even mainstream news outlets borrowed from it. MSNBC found a hit with Rachel Maddow, a host whose smirking delivery and arched eyebrow instantly recalled Stewart. On CNN, the usually sober Anderson Cooper delivered the "Ridiculist," a snarky editorial segment that would have been hard to imagine on a news show in the pre-Stewart days.

"He's been a really significant part of the civic conversation," said Robert Thompson, a professor at Syracuse University and director of the Bleier Center for Television & Popular Culture. "He and his colleagues at 'The Daily Show' did in a comedic mode what the folks at CBS, CNN et al should

have been doing in a journalistic mode."

Comedy Central says the search is on for a new host for the program, which premiered in 1996 with Craig Kilborn at the desk.

"We haven't set a date for (Stewart's) final show, but it will be sometime before the end of 2015," Comedy Central President Michele Gannless said in a statement. "Through his unique voice and vision, 'The Daily Show' has become a cultural touchstone for millions of fans and an unparalleled platform for political comedy that will endure for years to come."

Stewart offered no details on his future plans. Last year he directed his first feature film, the political thriller "Rosewater." It earned respectful reviews but only modest box office. "I don't have any specific plans... I've got a lot of things in my head," he said during his sign-off, adding: "I'm going to have dinner on a school night with my family."

Stewart and "The Daily Show" did not invent the satire of the TV anchor-desk format. David Frost skewered British politicians with his BBC show "That Was the Week That Was" in the early 1960s. And the "Weekend Update" segment — still a fixture on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" — predates "The Daily Show" by more than 20 years.

But in taking over the helm from Kilborn in 1999, Stewart turned the program into a news-focused powerhouse. The show won the Emmy award for best variety, music or comedy series 10 years in a row, from 2003 through 2012. It also earned several Emmys for writing.

Although the series has typically averaged fewer than 3 million total viewers per night, according to Nielsen, its influence goes beyond those numbers. That is especially true among young people, who found in Stewart a sentinel for their disaffection with a mainstream media and a political culture they viewed with suspicion and increasingly found out of touch.

Not content simply to crack wise about newsmakers and journalists, Stewart directed zingers that came with a heartfelt edge — a wise fool raging against hypocrisy, with a pulpit that began to extend beyond the show.

Under Stewart's tenure, "The Daily Show" became a must-stop for newsmakers, including presidential candidates and world leaders. While Stewart has frequently insisted that he is above all else a comedian, his sit-downs with the likes of former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Sen. John McCain and President Barack Obama have earned him a reputation as comedy's answer to Edward R. Murrow.

According to a recent Pew study, 12 percent of respondents received some political news from "The Daily Show."

In a sign of Stewart's influence on public discourse, the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear in Washington, D.C., — co-hosted by Stephen Colbert — intended as a palliative to an increasingly polarized political climate — attracted an estimated 215,000 attendees in 2010.

And his stature is such that NBC reportedly considered hiring him to replace David Gregory as host of the Sunday morning public affairs show "Meet the Press."

Spider-Man to appear in Marvel films

Hollywood just put the "amazing" in the long-sSpeculated "amazing fantasy" of many Spider-Man fans.

Marvel Studios and Sony Pictures announced that in a joint deal, the two studios will now share big-screen use of the web-slinger, who will swing forthcoming films by the two studios.

Sony, which launched Spidey's film franchise so successfully 13 years ago with director Sam Raimi, will effectively retain primary custody of Peter Parker. The studio "will continue to finance, distribute, own and have financial creative control" of Spider-Man films, according to a joint statement released late Monday on the West Coast.

But Sony and Marvel are collaborating "on a new creative direction" for Spidey, according to the release at Marvel.com.

In other words, Spider-Man should finally get to play with the Avengers and other characters in Marvel's "cinematic universe" (MCU). Similarly, the two studios are "exploring opportunities to integrate" MCU characters into Spider-Man films.

Shepherding this partnership is Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige and Amy Pascal. Pascal was the executive who helped kick off the franchise's blockbuster success more than a decade ago.

The announcement refers to a new Spider-Man, which signals a recasting of that role. This new Spider-Man will debut in a Marvel film, then swing over for a Sony-released summer-of-2017 film to be co-produced by Marvel and Pascal.

Other news

■ After a very strong five-year run, viewership for the **Grammy Awards** dipped to 24.8 million this year. It was the smallest Grammy audience since 2009, according to the Nielsen company. The audience was above 28 million in both of the last two years, soaring to 39.9 million in 2012. The Grammys were under a cloud of hurt by the return of "The Walking Dead," which started a new season Sunday with 15.6 million viewers.

■ **Melissa Rivers** has found a way to work through her grief for her mother, sparring partner and close friend, Joan Brown. She's written a memoir, **Crown Archetype**, announced Wednesday that "The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischief, and Manipulation" will come out May 5. According to Crown, an imprint of Penguin Random House, the book will feature jokes, stories and advice. Rivers said in a statement issued through Crown that laughter had "less side effects than Prozac" and was "a lot cheaper than therapy."

■ One of **Bobbi Kristina Brown's** neighbors reported a domestic dispute at her address the week before she was found face-down in a bathtub, according to a 911 call released Tuesday. In the call, made Jan. 23, a man who identified himself as a security guard at the gated community where Brown lives told a dispatcher that one of Brown's neighbors reported a fight at Brown's address.

From wire services



CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Ava DuVernay, from left, David Oyelowo, and Oprah Winfrey accept the award for outstanding motion picture for "Selma" on stage on Feb. 6.

'Selma' director hurt by star David Oyelowo's Oscar snub

"Selma" director Ava DuVernay says she's disappointed that star David Oyelowo's performance as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't recognized with an Oscar nod.

"It was hurt by the fact that David wasn't nominated because I know what it took to get that performance," DuVernay said at the film's premiere in Berlin, adding, "I don't need anyone to tell me that it's one of the best performances of 2014; no one needs to even say that to me because I already know."

Besides best picture, "Selma" is also nominated in the original song category for "Glory," by Common and John Legend.

"It's a song that's going to be in the culture for quite a while," DuVernay said. "Already

choirs and students and people are singing this song and it's becoming a protest that I think will last."

She said she was not expecting a best director bid from the film academy. "There has been no precedent for a black woman to be nominated for best director, so why was it going to change with me?" she said.

Yet the director said she feels honored the film is a contender for the top Oscar. "We were nominated as best picture, which is nothing to sneeze at," she said. "People act like we dragged out of there with nothing. I mean, best picture."

From The Associated Press

WORLD

Law to require Japan workers to take time off

By YURI KAGEYAMA
The Associated Press

TOKYO — College-educated and gainfully employed Eriko Sekiguchi, 36, should be a sought-after friend or date, planning nights on the town and faraway resort vacations. But she works in Japan, a nation where workaholic habits die hard.

Often toiling 14 hours a day for a major trading company, including early morning meetings and after-hours "settai," or networking with clients, she used just eight of her 20 paid vacation days last year. Six of those days were for being sick.

"Nobody else uses their vacation days," said Sekiguchi, who was so busy that her interview with The Associated Press had to be rescheduled several times before she could pop out of the office.

The government wants to change all that.

Legislation that will be submitted to the parliamentary session that began Jan. 26 aims to ensure workers get the rest they need. In a break with past practice, it will become the legal responsibility of employers to ensure workers take their holidays.

Impetus for change

Japan has been studying such legislation for years. There has been more impetus for change since 2012 as a consensus developed that the health, social and productivity costs of Japan's extreme work ethic were too high.

Part of the problem has been that many people fear resentment from co-workers if they take days off, a real concern in a conformist culture that values harmony.

After in Japan, only wimps use up all their vacation days.

Most of the affected workers are "salarymen," or "OL" for of-



Koji SASAHARA/AP

People walk by an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo.

fice lady like Sekiguchi, so dedicated to their job they can't seem to go home. They are the stereotypes of, and the power behind, Japan Inc.

That has come with its social costs. Sekiguchi worries she will never get married or even find a boyfriend unless he happens to be in the office. She wishes companies would simply shut down now and then to allow workers to take days off without qualms.

The workaholic lifestyle and related reluctance of couples to raise children have long been blamed as a factor behind the nose-diving birth rate that's undermining the world's third-biggest economy.

Working literally to death is a tragedy so common that a term has been coined for it: "karoshi." The government estimates there are 200 karoshi deaths a year from causes such as heart attacks or cerebral hemorrhaging after

working long hours. It's aware of many cases of mental depression and suicides from overwork not counted as karoshi.

'Vacation days'

About 22 percent of Japanese work more than 49 hours a week, compared with 16 percent of Americans and 11 percent of the French and Germans, according to data compiled by the Japanese government. South Koreans seem even more workaholic, at 35 percent.

Barely half the vacation days allotted to Japanese workers are ever taken, an average of nine days per individual a year.

The problem in Japan in some ways parallels the situation of American workers, many of whom don't get guaranteed paid vacations at all. But those who get them usually do take all or most of them.

'It is actually a worker's right to take paid vacations. But working in Japan involves quite a lot of a volunteer spirit.'

Yuu Wakebe
health and labor ministry official

Japanese must use their vacations for sick days, although a separate law guarantees two-thirds of their wages if they get seriously ill and take extended days off.

That means workers save two or three vacation days for fear of catching a cold or some other minor illness so they can stay home, said Yuu Wakebe, the health and labor ministry official overseeing such standards.

Wakebe himself routinely does 100 hours of overtime a month, and took only five days off last year, one of them for staying home with a cold. He managed to take a vacation to Hawaii with his family.

Working for free

"It is actually a worker's right to take paid vacations," he said. "But working in Japan involves quite a lot of a volunteer spirit."

Younger workers feel uncomfortable going home before their bosses do. Working overtime for free, called "sah-bee-soo zahngyo," or "service overtime," is prevalent.

Job descriptions also tend to be vague, especially in white-collar occupations, meaning a person not coming in translates to more work for others in his or her team.

The new law will allow for more flexible work hours, encouraging parents to spend more time with their children during summer months, for instance, when school is closed.

Although Japan is notorious for hard work, it's equally known for inefficiency and bureaucracy. Workers sit around in the name of team spirit, despite questionable performance and productivity.

Experts say the law is a start, while acknowledging the roots of the dilemma lie deep.

When night falls in Tokyo, groups of dark-suited salarymen can be seen drinking at drab lantern-bobbing pubs under the train tracks, unwinding before heading home. They laugh, guzzle down their beers and pick at charcoal-broiled fish.

Ask any of them: They haven't taken many days off. One said the 12 days he took off last year were too many.

Regulating time off might be easier to implement if the economy improves under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's anti-deflationary policies that weakened the yen, a plus for giant exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp.

The overwork problem intensified during the past two decades of economic stagnation in Japan. The use of cheap labor became common to stay competitive in a rapidly globalizing economy, while the culture of loyalty to the company remained.

Abe, not a person noted for taking long vacations, has been stressing the need for change.

Japan's work ethic, he said, is "a culture that falsely beatifies long hours."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Be careful with definitions

Regarding the Feb. 2 article "Military redefines alcohol as a weapon" I served in the military for almost four decades, and I have seen or heard of almost all imaginable circumstances involving soldiers and alcohol. [Chief trial deputy and chief of the Boulder (Colo.) District Attorney's sexual assault unit] Katharina Booth's definition of alcohol as a "weapon" used by (prospective) rapists to "subdue" their victims is somewhat off the mark. It is like saying that "guns kill people." While this may be true in the most literal sense (that a gun launches a bullet that does harm), it is the person using the weapon who causes the harm. It may be the lowest common denominator, but it is not the only means available.

I have always maintained that there is only one person in this world who can get

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you drunk — you, the individual doing the drinking. There are many ways to subdue someone to make them a victim, but alcohol must be consumed voluntarily (the process of self-infliction) therefore it is the person doing the drinking who is putting himself or herself in a weakened position.

The real root of the problem is not the use of alcohol by a predator on a victim, but rather the victim allowing himself or herself to get into a weakened state in the first place. Overindulgence makes you a target, but not necessarily a victim.

The point of education for our youth does not need to be "Drink responsibly," but rather "Do you really want that drink?" along with a course in social courage that tells them how to refuse an offered drink gracefully. Only through the continuing education of our youth if the repeated litany of "Beware of your surroundings and who you are with" and "Do you really want that drink?" can the problem of sexual assault and rape in the military be reduced to minimum.

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Putin's 'Mini-Me' welcomes him to Cairo

BY LEONID BERSHIDSKY
Bloomberg News

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Egypt on Monday for a two-day visit and the royal welcome he received gives yet more reason to doubt U.S. policy in the region. The U.S.-backed Arab Spring revolution in Egypt has resulted in a Putin-style dictatorship — one that clearly wants to be a close Putin ally.

Ahead of his visit, the front page of Al-Ahram, the most widely circulated newspaper in Egypt — and a state-owned one — ran 10 photos of Putin with the headline "Putin, the Hero of Our Time."

Egyptian president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi met Putin at the airport — where a military band played a painful if well-intentioned rendition of the Russian national anthem — and whisked him off to the opera to hear performances of Tchaikovsky and Verdi. The streets were lined with huge posters of a smiling Putin. Putin reciprocated the warm welcome. On Tuesday, he presented a Kalashnikov rifle to el-Sissi.

In one sense, Putin's gift was an acknowledgment of their common background as career officers. But it was also the latest gesture in a long history of Russian courtship of Egypt.

In the 1950s and '60s, the Soviet Union counted Egypt as a major ally. Under Egyptian President Gamal Abdel-Nasser, his socialist sympathies helped cement ties with Moscow. Relations briefly fell out in the 1970s under President Anwar Sadat, but they agreed to a renewed friendship and aid under the terms of the Camp David Accords. But the relationship improved again under Hosni Mubarak, who became Egypt's president after Sadat's assassination in 1981. Mubarak was Egypt's leader for the first 11 years of Putin's presidency; in 2003, he agreed to reduce his military aid to build Egypt's first nuclear power plant.

All seemed lost when Mubarak was deposed and put on trial for corruption. Putin considered the Muslim Brotherhood — whose candidate, Mohammad Morsi, won the election to succeed Mubarak — as little more than a group of thugs. But when Morsi asked Putin for a \$2 billion loan, he was turned down. But Putin has had a seat at Egypt's table ever since el-Sissi's ascension.

Like Putin, el-Sissi is a man of modest beginnings. He rose through the ranks quietly until the Arab Spring revolution ousted him to prominence. As head of military intelligence, then as defense minister, appointed by Morsi. Putin, of course, was lifted out of obscurity by his predecessor Boris Yeltsin, who put him at the head of FSB domestic counterintelligence and then appointed him prime minister.

There are other echoes, in how the two men rose to power. Less than a year after



Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, right, and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands during a farewell ceremony in Cairo on Tuesday.

LEONID KUMESTEV,
PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/AP

becoming defense minister, el-Sissi spearheaded a military coup — he calls it a "second revolution" — to overthrow Morsi, and last year, he won a presidential election with 96 percent of the vote. Putin didn't have to overthrow Yeltsin, who resigned on New Year's Eve, 2000, and opened the path to Putin's first electoral triumph. But his 14-year rule has negated Yeltsin's legacy as harshly as el-Sissi's rejection of everything Morsi stood for.

El-Sissi and Putin have also had similar approaches to governance. They have dismal human rights records. (El-Sissi's was recently decried by Amnesty International last year.) Since spearheading the coup last year, el-Sissi has yet to hold a parliamentary ballot. (Elections are currently scheduled for March and April.) He runs the country with an iron hand, cracking down hard on Morsi's organization, the Muslim Brotherhood.

Both leaders harbor a mistrust of the West. "You judge our experiences from your own cultural, civilizational and developmental vantage point and you can't remove yourselves from this context," el-Sissi said in a recent interview with Germany's Der Spiegel weekly. "You need to understand what happened in Egypt in light of the circumstances, challenges and threats faced by Egypt."

Their approaches to combating Islamic terrorism also have similarities. Egypt is a member of the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group, but the Egyptian army, which nourished el-Sissi and which controls much of Egypt's economy and now its public life, is not taking part in any of the coalition's endeavors. El-Sissi has confined his anti-terrorist activity to fighting pro-Islamic State rebels in Sinai, on Egyptian territory — much as Putin had once done, painting his war on separatists in Chechnya as part of the global war on terror.

The U.S. never expected a Putin doppelgänger to seize power in Egypt when it backed the 2011 revolution. In May of that year, U.S. President Barack Obama said he saw many reasons to be hopeful ... in the efforts of young people who led protests."

Many of these young people are now members of a banned organization — el-Sissi has outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood — and others are in Egyptian prisons. They have been busily sentencing the Brothers to the death penalty.

In 2011, the U.S. spent \$31.8 million to support "democracy, human rights and governance" in Egypt. In 2014, that amount was down to \$13.3 million, reflecting a cooling of relations and a general reduction in U.S. financial support to the world's biggest Arab nation. (Washington also temporarily withheld military aid to Egypt last year.) While American backing for the country, which historically has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of U.S. foreign aid, eroded, Russia moved in, offering a \$3.5 billion deal. In June 2014, the U.S. unfroze its military aid to el-Sissi's regime, but the Egyptian president went ahead and signed the Russian deal last fall, anyway.

During Putin's visit this week, he and el-Sissi discussed a trade deal that's supposed to include a future Ukrainian purchase in rubles rather than U.S. dollars.

While the Egyptian dictator — who has a U.S. degree in strategic studies — is in the enviable position of being courted by both the U.S. and Russia, it's clear where his personal sympathies lie. So Putin would be excused for imagining a similarly warm relationship with a future Ukrainian president in a few years' time. In his mind, the crowds in Cairo's Tahrir Square, which rioted against Mubarak in 2011, must look little different from the ones in Kiev's Independence Square last year, demanding the ouster of former President Viktor Yanukovich. To Putin, these were both Western-instigated revolutions that could prove reversible with the right amount of luck, guile and pressure.

Egypt's example so far has proven that view correct — which doesn't mean things won't turn out quite differently in Ukraine, a much more important country for Putin than Egypt could ever be.

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OPINION/OMBUDSMAN

Entertaining ideas on why anchor told tall tales

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

These are tough times for NBC's Brian Williams — and tougher times for journalism.

The NBC newsmen was suspended Tuesday night for six months amid charges that he misremembered or conflated wartime incidents he reported on from Iraq and Israel. He has also come under scrutiny for possible conflation in reporting from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Williams told stories that, among other things, misrepresented his proximity to danger or death. Some have called his reportage "humble-bragging," trying to enhance his reputation by focusing on supposed duress.

Others saw Williams' false reports as outright lies for sensationalism, while still others conceded that sometimes stories change in the retelling. Over time, don't we all conflate incidents and mess up details to some degree?

Some mixture of all this may happen at play in the Williams case, though one persistent thought nags like a rude kid yanking on your coat sleeve: "Hey, lady, that guy's a 10-million-buck newsmen; he ain't supposed to get the facts mixed up!"

The first misrememberance,

for which Williams apologized last week, pertains to a 2003 incident in Iraq. Williams said that the Army Chinook he was riding in was forced down by a rocket-propelled grenade — except that his helicopter wasn't the one that was hit.

Then in 2006, while covering the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict, Williams initially reported on MSNBC that he was flying at about 1,500 feet and could see two rockets launched from about six miles away.

A month later, the story changed when he told Comedy Central's Jon Stewart that rockets passed 1,500 feet below his helicopter. Then in 2007, he told an audience at Fairfield University that the rockets sailed just beneath him.

These are conflicting statements, to be sure, but were they malicious or intentionally misleading? Or, are they just stories that get better in the retelling, as humans tend to do? Our recollection of traumatic events is often flawed in some part because fear alters our brain and memory. Whether one is flying or not, surely the terror of fire where rockets are near can magnify and distort events.

This is not to make excuses for Williams but to put into perspective this particular chapter. He wasn't officially reporting in sub-



sequent renditions but was entertaining an audience with war stories. Is an anchor always an anchor, or does Brian Williams get to be just Brian on occasion?

Less easily understood or justified is how one could recall being brought down by a grenade when one was not.

More embarrassing than contemptible, these stories can be seen as attempting to add a little sweat and grime rather than egotistic sheen to Williams's squeaky-clean profile. It is hard to imagine why Williams would falsely report events from his perch in one of broadcast journalism's most cov-

eted jobs in exchange for slightly louder applause.

Pure ego? Extravagant insecurity? The loss of perspective that often accompanies wealth and celebrity? Were these retellings merely overembellished anecdotes or evidence of something more pathological in nature?

Williams and his therapist will have to soldier through that one.

In the New Orleans incident, Williams reported that he saw a corpse floating down the street from his hotel window. But Williams was in the Ritz-Carlton on the edge of the French Quarter, where there was little to no

flooding.

Unlike so many who are backstroking in schadenfreude, I'm torn between feeling sorry for Williams and wanting to see him step aside out of respect for what remains of journalistic principle. It must be unbearable waking up each day and cringing with despair upon remembering correctly that the nightmare is real.

However.

At the end of the newscast — or the story or column — what matters most in journalism is credibility and public trust, both of which have suffered in recent years. It isn't only that news delivery has become more slanted as partisanship displaces objectivity but that high-profile individuals and institutions have squandered trust in pursuit of something other than truth.

Williams likely fell into the trap of trying to be part of a story of heroism. His sin was reckless, but is it cause for ending a career?

Many wager that money will determine the answer. Williams makes a bunch for the network — but the bottom line depends entirely on one crucial question: Will people ever trust Williams again?

At the very least, Williams deserves to find out.

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Stripes broke Williams story, resisted feeding frenzy

BY ERNIE GATES

Stars and Stripes ombudsman

When the news becomes the news, it's usually bad news. Just ask Brian Williams.

Or should I say "Lyn' Brian," as the top-rated, respected and personable NBC News anchor is now called by tabloid headline writers and outraged tweeters, posters and commenters all over the Web? That transformation and a continuing media scandal—case were set off by a diligently reported story in Stars and Stripes last week. Reporter Tritten was Tritten sought out and verified soldiers' accounts that blew holes in Williams' fresh claim to have been aboard a U.S. Army helicopter struck and forced down by rocket-propelled grenade and AK-47 fire in the opening days of the Iraq War.

I'll leave it to others to judge whether Williams "misremembered" that Chinook mission was a calculated lie, the self-glorifying effect of which amounts to stolen valor, or was an honest reporter mistake in 2003 inexplicably "embroidered" by time and memory. And I'll leave it to others to say whether the 6-month suspension NBC imposed is sufficient, or he should quit or be fired outright.

But let me comment on the journalistic performance of Stars and Stripes' newroom, which has been an example of solid reporting, editorial judgment, transparency — and impartiality,

especially resisting the rush of the "Chopper Whopper" feeding frenzy.

What got the story going was Editor Terry Leonard's reaction to an email tip from a reader he didn't know — the sort editors rarely report on. And Tritten, they one pointed to a post on the "NBC Nightly News" Facebook page, in which someone named Lance Reynolds disputed the war story Williams told on a Jan. 30 broadcast. The email included a link to a report by Tritten and Reynolds about the Chinook being hit by an RPG, which quoted the flight engineer on that helicopter — a Sgt. Lance Reynolds.

That connection added credibility, so Leonard and Stripes' Senior Managing Editor Bob Reid did about what you do: got a reporter to check it out.

Tritten, surrounded these days by suits on Stripes' Capitol Hill beat but experienced with the troops from years as a Stripes reporter in the Pacific, set about locating Reynolds and others involved in the Chinook incident. Tritten told me the five vets he talked with recalled the mission, play by play, in details that matched. From multiple accounts, including a commander's war journal, Tritten pieced out the events of that day. Confident in his understanding, he reached Williams, who admitted the error.

The initial story ran on Stripes.com that afternoon, Feb. 4, and Williams admitted his error and apologized on that night's broad-

cast. The story was picked up and followed aggressively by other news organizations around the world — as reaching scandal velocity it is spread farther, faster, via social media.

That's when things got tricky, journalists speaking. As the storm of reactions broke, as the mockery on social media multiplied and as calls for Williams' ouster swelled, the media spotlight turned on Stars and Stripes. First, giving credit where credit was due for breaking the story. Then, in the natural next turn in the endless news cycle, the global brands came calling and the talking head news shows wanted Tritten on the air. This can be intoxicating stuff — sudden celebrity as a byproduct of triggering a wave of outrage that was about to take down the country's top news anchor, someone watched nightly by millions. In lengthy on-camera interviews by CNN's Jake Tapper and Fox's Megyn Kelly, among others, reporter Tritten wisely resisted any temptation to turn pundit. Whatever his opinion might be of Williams and what NBC should do next, he stuck with the facts and relayed what veterans of the mission had told him — an informed, expert witness, not an opinion-monger.

Similarly, in a widely circulated "How they got the story" article in Columbia Journalism Review, Leonard told it straight, without editorializing or judging, but with a touch of humanity. "I'm kind of sad for Mr. Williams," Leonard told C.J.R. "I think he has a record

of really caring about troops, and then this happens. It is what it is."

That's a pretty good working definition of impartiality in news. You don't have to be cold to let the hard facts fall.

Producing its own version of "How we got the story," Stripes posted an interview with Tritten on Stripes.com. In addition to letting readers in on how the newsroom works — a good impulse toward transparency and trust — the video probably also answered a fair number of other news queries and preserved Tritten's time for more reporting.

As Williams teetered, the Stripes journalists stuck with their jobs, leaving end-zone dances and high-fives to the angry mobs on the Web. Follow-up coverage unraveled Williams' account that he was on a Chinook trailing the one hit by RPG fire, clarified that there were two separate missions, highlighted more of the accounts and reactions from troops aboard the Chinooks, and — as they kept being uncovered and served up by other news sources and independent Internet searchers — presented the archived excerpts of varying versions Williams told over the years.

After Williams took himself off the air and canceled what some thought would be his explanation to elaborate on his explanation on David Letterman's show, Stripes published a transcript of Tritten's original interview with Williams, and put the audio online for all to hear (and borrow,

cite or link). Again, the decision to share the raw material — the only interview Williams had done on the discrepancies in his war story — showed transparency in Stripes' newsgathering and good news judgment at the same time. And it kept Stripes at the front of the story.

I don't think it's an accident or a stroke of luck that Stars and Stripes got this story and got to the bottom of it. It shows Stripes' unique strength as a news organization connected to the troops — and trusted by the troops. Stripes listened, where possibly other editors and reporters hadn't. The newsroom took the veterans' challenge to Williams seriously and carefully followed that thread to sort out the conflicting accounts.

The prospect of catching the anchor's top TV anchor in a broadcast lie had to be a lure. It would be for any reporter or editor. But that's why accurate reporting is a discipline, not an attitude. Tritten and his editors avoided being blinded by the allure or seduced by the fallout. They offered facts that set this war story straight — facts their readers, especially the troops and veterans of that war, could trust.

After all, trust is what the Brian Williams story is really about.

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No. 11 Utah vs. Stanford
No. 25 SMU at Houston
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Baruch 81, CCNY 57
Bentley 59, Merrimack 56
Caldwell 107, Port (Conn.) 61
Chesterbrook 62, Philadelphia 73
Cleveland 72, Merrimack 70
Hartwick 44, Ucla 38
Hawaii 72, Hunter 70
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New Mexico 68, LeMoyne 64
Rider 54, St. Peter's 49
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No. 10 Kentucky vs. No. 13 Mississippi State
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1. Webb Simpson, 69.31, 2. Ryan Palmer, 69.53, 3. Brooks Koepka, 69.43, 4. Francesco Molinari, 69.49, 5. Ryan Palmer, 69.54, 6. Bubba Watson, 69.66, 7. Robert Streb, 69.67, 8. Matt Kuchar, 69.77, 10. Ian Poulter, 69.78.

Driving Distance

1. Brooks Koepka, 313.3, 2. J. P. Morgan, 308.6, 3. Charlie Beal, 307.7, 4. Tony Finau, 307.5, 5. Cory Whitsett, 306.7, 6. Morgan Hoffmann, 306.1, 7. Patrick Reed, 305.8, 8. Bubba Watson, 305.7, 9. Daniel Berger, 304.1, 10. Brenden Steele, 304.4.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1. David Toms, 76.98%, 2. Francesco Molinari, 76.51%, 3. Jason Ankrum, 75.89%, 4. Jason Dufner, 75.69%, 5. Ben Crane, 75.45%, 6. Steven Alker, 75.10%, 7. Ben Curtis, 73.57%, 8. Antonio Lasca, 73.21%, 9. Charlie W. 72.32%, 10. Tim Clark, 71.78%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage

1. Matt Mackenzie, 76.85%, 2. Stewart Cink, 76.00%, 3. Hunter Mahan, 75.79%, 4. Geoff Ogilvy, 75.56%, 5. (tie), Jason Day and Webb Simpson, 75.00%, 7. Robert Almerly, 74.75%, 8. Shawn Streeter, 74.69%, 9. Francesco Molinari, 74.07%, 10. Paul Casey, 73.93%.

Total Scoring

1. Bubba Watson, 4.2, Harrison Franzel, 4.3, 3. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 4. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 5. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 6. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 7. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 8. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 9. Phil Mickelson, 4.6, 10. Phil Mickelson, 4.6.

Shortest Putted

1. Freddie Jacquot, 1.504, 2. Hyung-Sun Kim, 1.388, 3. Bubba Watson, 1.226, 4. Cory Whitsett, 1.150, 5. Ben Curtis, 1.127, 6. Aaron Baddeley, 1.057, 7. Justin Rose, 1.057, 8. Robert Streb, 1.057, 9. Carlos Ortiz, 923, 10. Jimmy Walker, 914.

Putting Average

1. Bubba Watson, 5.25, 2. Webb Simpson, 5.34, 3. Jimmy Walker, 5.46, 4. Ben Crane, 5.48, 5. Tony Finau, 5.49, 6. (tie), Phil Mickelson, 5.49, 7. Phil Mickelson, 5.49, 8. Phil Mickelson, 5.49, 9. Phil Mickelson, 5.49, 10. Phil Mickelson, 5.49.

Greens in Regulation

1. Brooks Koepka, 57.6, 2. Jarrod Lyle, 57.6, 3. Gary Woodland, 57.6, 4. Billy Horschel, 57.6, 5. Vijay Singh, Lee Westwood, Ryan Palmer and Jason Day, 57.6, 6. Luke Donald, 57.6, 7. Phil Mickelson, 57.6, 8. Phil Mickelson, 57.6, 9. Phil Mickelson, 57.6, 10. Phil Mickelson, 57.6.

Greens in Regulation Percentage

1. Brendon Todd, 90.91%, 2. Jason Day, 90.91%, 3. Phil Mickelson, 90.91%, 4. Patrick Reed, 76.32%, 5. Chad Collins, 74.36%, 6. Phil Mickelson, 74.36%, 7. Lee Westwood, 74.36%, 8. Cory Whitsett, 74.36%, 9. John Day, 70.91%, 10. 2 tied with 70.91%.

All-Around Ranking

1. Robert Streb, 234, 2. Ryan Palmer, 277, 3. Webb Simpson, 309, 4. Jason Day, 309, 5. Bubba Watson, 309, 6. Jason Day, 309, 7. Phil Mickelson, 309, 8. Jason Day, 309, 9. Phil Mickelson, 309, 10. Phil Mickelson, 309.

PGA Tour FedExCup leaders

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1	Jimmy Walker	839	\$1,233,394
2	Robert Streb	813	\$71,229,088
3	Phil Mickelson	813	\$71,229,088
4	Charley Hoffman	751	\$1,583,091
5	Jason Day	751	\$1,583,091
6	Brooks Koepka	721	\$1,582,207
7	Jason Day	695	\$1,535,111
8	Ben Martin	646	\$1,338,000
9	Patrick Reed	646	\$1,338,000
10	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
11	Hideki Matsuyama	646	\$1,338,000
12	Scott Piercy	646	\$1,338,000
13	Shawn Stearns	646	\$1,338,000
14	Jason Day	646	\$1,338,000
15	Matt Kuchar	646	\$1,338,000
16	Jason Day	646	\$1,338,000
17	Shawn Stearns	646	\$1,338,000
18	Brendon Todd	646	\$1,338,000
19	Ben Martin	646	\$1,338,000
20	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
21	Steve Bowditch	646	\$1,338,000
22	Ben Martin	646	\$1,338,000
23	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
24	Nick Taylor	646	\$1,338,000
25	Ben Martin	646	\$1,338,000
26	Russell Knox	646	\$1,338,000
27	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
28	Justin Thomas	646	\$1,338,000
29	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
30	Kevin Na	646	\$1,338,000
31	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
32	Chris Kirk	646	\$1,338,000
33	H. Holmes	646	\$1,338,000
34	Rory Sabbatini	646	\$1,338,000
35	Colt Knott	646	\$1,338,000
36	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
37	Webb Simpson	646	\$1,338,000
38	Ben Hickey	646	\$1,338,000
39	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
40	Andrew Gonzales	646	\$1,338,000
41	Ben Hickey	646	\$1,338,000
42	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
43	John Senden	646	\$1,338,000
44	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
45	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
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47	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
48	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
49	Adam Hadz	646	\$1,338,000
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Skiing

World Championships

Tuesday
At Val, Colo.
National Team First Round
Australia def. Argentina, 4-0
Norway def. Slovenia, 4-0
France def. Russian Federation, 3-1
Switzerland def. Czech Republic, 4-1
United States def. Finland, 3-1
Sweden def. Czech Republic, 4-1
Canada def. Germany, 2-2
Italy def. Britain, 3-1

Quarterfinals

Austria def. Norway, 3-1
Switzerland def. Czech Republic, 4-1
Sweden def. United States, 3-1
Canada def. Italy, 2-2

Semifinals

Austria def. Switzerland, 3-1
Canada def. Sweden, 3-1
Austria def. Canada, 3-1
Sweden def. Switzerland, 3-1

Final

Sweden def. Switzerland, 3-1
Ties broken by combined time of each team's faster male and female skier

Tennis

World Tournament

Tuesday
At Ahoy Stadium
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Purcell 6-3, 6-3, 6-3
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-2, 6-2
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Julien Bennau, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-3
Gilles Simon (8), France, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-3
Sergiy Stakhovych, Ukraine, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (7)

First Round

Milos Raonic, Canada, def. Andrej Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-7 (5), 6-7, 7-5
Radek, Romania, def. Czech Republic, def. Tobias Kammer, Germany, 6-1, 7-5
Radek, Romania, def. Czech Republic, def. Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

Andre Begemann, Germany, and Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7-6 (6), 6-3
Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers, Australia, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-4
Jean-Julien Roquet, Netherlands, and Horia Simionescu, Romania, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Martin Matkovic, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Daniel Nestor (4), Canada, def. Raven Klaassen, Canada, and Nicolas Pietrangeli, Italy, 6-2, 6-3

Quarterfinals

Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers, Australia, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-4
Jean-Julien Roquet, Netherlands, and Horia Simionescu, Romania, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Martin Matkovic, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Daniel Nestor (4), Canada, def. Raven Klaassen, Canada, and Nicolas Pietrangeli, Italy, 6-2, 6-3

Memphis Open

Tuesday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
Purse: \$650,000 (W750)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
No. 1 Karlovic (6), Croatia, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 7-6 (7), 6-3
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
Sam Harris, United States, def. Benjamini, 6-3, 6-3
Maksim Pichugin, Russia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-2 (7), 7-6 (8)

First Round

Eric Butorac and Rajeev Ram (3), United States, def. Michael Berrer and Francis Tiafoe, United States, 6-2, 6-4
Sam Harris, United States, def. Benjamini, 6-3, 6-3
Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

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Boxing

Fight schedule

Feb. 14
At Tepic, Mexico, David Sanchez vs. Juan Alberto Romero, for the interim WBA super flyweight title.
At Rosarito, Mexico, New York, Derrick Rossy vs. Akhrom Murallimov, 10, for the IBF North American heavyweight title.
Feb. 20
At Turning Stone Resort Casino, Verona, N.J., Boxino Quarterfinals-Heavyweight, Dennis Bennett vs. George Kotsis, Razvan Coljano vs. Ed Fontaine, and Resaquez vs. Emmanuel Lugo.
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College baseball

Tuesday's scores
SOUTH
Averett at Guilford, p.p.d., wet field
Arkansas State at Tennessee Tech, 1-0
Erskine 8, GRU Augusta 2
Free-Hardman 9, Union (Tenn.) 4
Limestone at Anderson (S.C.), p.p.d., wet field
Mississippi College 21-7, LeMoyne-Owen 1-0
Mount Olive 18, Virginia St. 1-0
MIDWEST
Baker 3-1, Ottawa (Kan.) 2-4
McMurry 11, Arlington Baptist 6
Wayland Baptist 21, Texas-Permian Basin 4

College hockey

Tuesday's score
EAST
UConn 1, Merrimack 0

Brown, Germany, and Marinko Matosovic, Australia, 6-3, 6-2
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-3, 6-3
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Brazil Open
Tuesday
At Ginásio de Ipiranga
Sao Paulo
Purse: \$100,000 (W750)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Boris Becker, Germany, def. Andre Agassi, United States, 6-3, 6-2
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Deals

Tuesday's transactions

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Baltimore Orioles pitcher Matt Harvey for a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with HP Matt Joyce and the sale of Nolan Reimold on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with OF Matt Joyce on a one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned LHP Cesar Jimenez outright to Lehigh Valley.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned RHP Eric Fornataro outright to Syracuse (IL).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Traded F/C Adrian Payne to Minnesota for a protected future first-round draft pick.
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Traded F/C Gary Neal and a second-round draft pick to Minnesota for Gs Mo Williams and James Johnson.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled F/C Jarrett Stokes and G Russ Smith from Iowa (IND.).
Women's National Basketball Association
PHOENIX MERCURY — Named Eric Goldstein director of operations.

National Football League

ATLANTA FAHNS — Named Keith Carter assistant offensive line coach. Matt LaFleur quarterbacks coach, Doug Linder defensive line coach, Marquand Manuel, second-year offensive line coach, and assistant Mike McDaniel offensive assistant, Chris Morgan offensive line coach, Jeff Ueblich quarterbacks coach, and Matt Walker defensive assistant/defensive backs.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed DT Tyrion Henderson and TE Neseke.
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National Football League

SPORTS BRIEFS/LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Briefly

Former UNLV coach Tarkanian dies at 84

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — He couldn't stop fighting the NCAA any more than he could give up chewing towels courtside. Jerry Tarkanian built a basketball dynasty in the desert, but it was his decades-long battle with the NCAA that defined him far more than the wins and losses.

The coach who won a national title at UNLV and made the school synonymous with basketball died Wednesday after several years of health issues. He was 84.

Son Danny Tarkanian said his father battled an infection since he was hospitalized Monday in Las Vegas with breathing difficulty.

"He fought and fought and fought," Danny Tarkanian told The Associated Press.

Tarkanian put the run in the Runnin' Rebels, taking them to four Final Fours and winning a national championship in 1990 with one of the most dominant college teams ever. His teams were as flamboyant as the city, with light shows and fireworks for pregame introductions and celebrities jockeying for position on the so-called Gucci Row courtside.

Tarkanian's career spanned 31 years with three Division I schools, beginning at Long Beach State and ending at Fresno State, where Tarkanian himself played in 1954 and 1955. Only twice did his teams fail to win at least 20 games in a season.

But it was at UNLV where his reputation was made, both as a coach of teams that often scored in the triple digits and as an outlaw to avoid to stand up to the powerful NCAA. He went 509-105 in 19 seasons with the Runnin' Rebels.

Source: Marlins to host 2017 All-Star Game

MIAMI — A person familiar with the decision says the Miami Marlins have been awarded the 2017 All-Star Game, and an announcement by baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred is planned for this week at the team's ballpark.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the decision, first reported by The Miami Herald, had not been announced.

Miami will host the game for the first time. The Marlins were awarded the 2000 game at Pro Player Stadium and then stripped of the honor in 1998 because of uncertainty about the franchise's future.

The Marlins moved into their new ballpark in 2012.

In other baseball news:

■ Reliever Jerry Blevins has defeated the Washington Nationals in salary arbitration and will earn \$2.4 million this year instead of the team's \$2.2 million.

■ All-Star catcher Jonathan Lucroy will miss four to six weeks of spring training for the Milwaukee Brewers because of a strain of his right hamstring.

The injury is near the top of Lucroy's hamstring, close to the hip, an area that had given Lucroy a little trouble at the end of last season, assistant general manager Gord Ash said Wednesday.

Sabres acquire Kane in 7-player trade with Jets

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo Sabres acquired embattled left wing Evander Kane from the Winnipeg Jets in a seven-player trade on Wednesday.

The league's last place team, Buffalo continued its rebuild by sending defenseman Tyler Myers, forwards Drew Stafford and Joel Armia, the rights to 2014 second round pick Brendan Lemieux and Buffalo's latest first-round pick in 2015 to the Jets.

In exchange, Winnipeg is sending Kane, defenseman Zach Bogosian and goaltender Jason Kasdorf to the Sabres.

Kane is out four to six months after undergoing elective shoulder surgery. The fourth-overall pick in the 2009 NHL Draft, Kane was a healthy scratch for the Jets last week and was Winnipeg's biggest trade chip. The 6-2, 195-pound winger had 10 goals and 12 points in 37 games this season.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Members of the Jackie Robinson West Little League baseball team participate in a rally in Chicago celebrating the team's U.S. Little League Championship on Aug. 27. Little League International has stripped the team of its national title after finding the team falsified its boundary map.

Jackie Robinson West stripped of its US title

By DON BABWIN

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Little League International has stripped Jackie Robinson West of the national title that the Chicago team won last summer after an investigation revealed it had falsified boundaries to field ineligible players.

In a stunning Wednesday announcement that came months after the all-black team, whose ages ranged from 11 to 13 years, captured the attention of the country and the hearts of its hometown, the baseball organization said it also found that after the league had changed the boundaries, some team officials went to surrounding leagues to convince them to go along with what they'd done.

"This is a heartbreaking decision," Stephen D. Keener, the Little League International president and CEO, said in a statement.

"As painful as it is, we feel it is a necessary decision to maintain the integrity of the Little League program. No team can be allowed to attempt to strengthen its team by putting players on their roster that live outside their boundaries."

The team has been suspended from Little League tournament privileges until new leadership is found.

The team's manager, Darold Butler, is also suspended, and an administrator from the district that includes Jackie Robinson West has been removed from his position, according to the statement.

The march of the team riveted the city, all the way to its loss in the world championship game to South Korea, and when it was over, thousands of people lined Chicago's streets to catch a glimpse of the boys as they were paraded by bus from their South Side baseball field to a downtown park. There were countless heartwarming stories about the team, including an effort by major league players to contribute money so the parents in the blue collar community could attend the World Series in Williamsport, Pa., and another about Cubs players huddled around a television watching the team during a rain delay at Wrigley Field. The team was treated to a trip to the major league World Series and to the White House to meet President Barack Obama and the first lady, Michelle Obama.

This is the third time in the 68-year history of the Little League World Series that Little League International had vacated wins after an investigation had revealed wrongdoing. In 1992, a team from the Philippines was disqualified and in 2001 a team from the Bronx was disqualified.

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Ailing Mavs cross fingers

Injuries to Ellis, Rondo, Chandler could hurt West run

By SCHUYLER DIXON
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Here's what Dallas coach Rick Carlisle knows right now: Tyson Chandler is not for the last game before the All-Star break, Monta Ellis probably won't play either and Rajon Rondo is getting better.

As for how the sudden rash of injuries affects the Mavericks in the tightly packed and highly competitive Western Conference, well, that question will have to wait for another day.

"I'm not saying anything that's rocket science," Carlisle said Tuesday, a day after Chandler and Ellis went to the locker room barely 2 minutes apart early in a loss to the Los Angeles Clippers. "We've got to get our best players back on the court, but we have to do it in an expeditious but prudent fashion."

Chandler was ruled out against Utah on Wednesday night with a sprained left ankle, and Ellis was doubtful with a left hip injury that required an MRI. The team was awaiting results.

The team's best defender and top scorer are now sidelined with Rondo, who will miss his sixth game in the visit from the Jazz after breaking an orbital bone and his nose in a game at Orlando

on Jan. 31.

The Mavericks brought Chandler back in an offseason trade with New York three years after he helped them win their only title, a move designed to improve their interior defense. Rondo came in another deal in December, with an eye mostly on helping Dallas defend the bevy of elite point guards in the West.

Throw in that Ellis, at 20 points per game, is on his way to being the first leading scorer in Dallas not named Dirk Nowitzki since 2000, and the Mavericks are in a bit of a pickle if any injuries linger past Feb. 19, when they return from the break at Oklahoma City.

Dallas entered Tuesday in fifth place in the West, part of a mix of five teams separated by just 2½ games from third to seventh.

"You're down three starters, that's obviously not perfect," Nowitzki said. "We've got to try to rotate for each other and play hard. I don't know what else to tell you."

Carlisle sounded optimistic that all three players could return after the break, saying Chandler's ankle sprain wasn't considered serious and Rondo was improving. The Mavericks still haven't settled the question of whether Rondo needs surgery, but are

hoping to avoid it.

Ellis has played in 228 consecutive regular-season games, including 136 since signing with Dallas as a free agent before last season. He's played through several injuries to keep the streak alive, but the advantage of an extra week along with missing the game might be too much for the Mavericks to pass up.

If Ellis sits, Chandler Parsons becomes the primary scoring option alongside the 36-year-old Nowitzki. It's just what Parsons had in mind when he signed an expensive three-year offer sheet in Dallas. And Parsons' rebounding numbers shot up suddenly without Chandler. He had a season-high 12 in the 115-98 loss to the Clippers.

"I probably will have the ball in my hands a lot more if Monta is not playing," said Parsons, whose averages in points, rebounds and assists are all down from the last of his three seasons in Houston. "But just continue to make my teammates better and not force or press anything, but definitely be aggressive and give us a different look there."

The Mavericks are trying to get center Bernard James back on a 10-day contract after releasing him before the season started.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

The Mavericks are hoping a hip injury to top scorer Monta Ellis, right, won't linger past the All-Star break.

The 6-10 former Air Force staff sergeant spent two years with Dallas as a backup.

"Anybody over 6-5 right now is a sight for sore eyes," Carl-

isle said. "If we get it done with Sarge, yeah, he can step in and he can give us some minutes."

The suddenly depleted Mavericks aren't asking for much.

Sons: Splash Brothers looking to make impact at All-Star weekend

FROM BACK PAGE

"He was always a guy who paid attention," Dell said.

Thompson realized in college at Washington State that he had a chance to play professionally. He credits his father for keeping him on track as a youngster when he sometimes wondered if he should do something else.

"My dad, he saw my gift at an early age. He said, 'Klay, a jump shot can take you a long way someday,'" Thompson said.

Thompson and Curry consider their NBA heritage a major advantage. But for many, following a famous family member can be incredibly difficult.

Stephen's younger brother, Seth, a former Duke standout, has spent most of the last two seasons in the NBA Development League. Klay's older brother, Mychal, who played at Pepperdine, appeared in five games with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2012 and has been trying to work his way back since.

Stephen and Klay are the rare legacies who eclipse their father's shadow. Even rarer is that they've done it differently than their dad.

Dell Curry was a spot-up shooter and perimeter-oriented player. Stephen is a magician with the ball, putting on dazzling dribbling displays to go with his smooth long-distance stroke.

Mychal Thompson, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1978 draft by the Portland Trail Blazers, was a 6-foot-10 post player who made one three-point in his career. Klay could consistently hit college-level three's by the time he was 10 years old, and even then, his quick release seemed fundamen-



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Golden State Warriors executive Jerry West, left, presents All-Star jerseys to guards Klay Thompson (11) and Stephen Curry (30) on Feb. 4.

tally flawless.

"He came out of the womb knowing how to shoot," Mychal joked.

Stephen and Klay merged paths when the Warriors drafted Thompson with the 11th pick in 2011. The 6-foot-7, 220-pound shooting guard provided the perfect running mate for the 6-foot-3 Curry, who was taken seventh overall in 2009 out of Davidson, where he was an NCAA tournament darling.

They led Golden State to the second round of the playoffs in 2013, prompting then-Warriors coach Mark Jackson to proclaim Curry and Thompson "the greatest shooting backcourt in NBA history."

Thompson and Curry combined to make 484 three-pointers last season and 483 in 2012-13, both by far the most of any duo in NBA history. The previous record of 435, set by Orlando's Nick Anderson and Dennis Scott during the 1995-96 season, came when the NBA briefly shortened the uniform distance of the three-point arc to 22 feet.

Golden State's dynamic guards are doing more than shooting it from deep these days.

After helping the U.S. win gold in the FIBA World Cup in Spain last summer, they've been the spark for rookie coach Steve Kerr's ball-movement based offense and the biggest reason the Warriors

(41-9) entered Wednesday's night game at Minnesota with the NBA's best record.

In the last month, they've also become the first teammates with 50-point performances in the same season since Jamal Mashburn and Jim Jackson in 1994-95 with Dallas, showing off an all-around game that left their fathers — now broadcasters for the Lakers and Hornets — as amazed as everybody else.

At this point, the best competition might be against each other.

Sometimes on the road, an impromptu "Around-the-World" game will breakout between Curry and Thompson after practice, when they shoot five shots at each of the five spots around the arc. It's the only time either can remember being on the same team as somebody who could shoot just as well as them.

"When we do have those competitions, it pushes you knowing that if you do miss a couple you're more likely than not going to lose," Curry said.

Their next competition will come in front of a national television audience. They'll join Atlanta's Kyle Korver, Houston's James Harden, Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, Portland's Wesley Matthews, the Los Angeles Clippers' J.J. Redick and defending champion Marco Belinelli of San Antonio in the three-point contest Saturday night.

Count their famous fathers among those hoping to see their now-famous sons share the spotlight.

"Both families are pulling for their sons, but I would think America would like to see the Splash Brothers be in the finals," said Mychal Thompson, who is attending All-Star week for the first time. "That'd be the perfect scenario."

NBA

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	17	.500	—
Brooklyn	21	31	.404	14
Boston	19	33	.360	15
Philadelphia	12	41	.226	23½
New York	42	12	.773	—

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	10	.811	—
Washington	33	20	.623	10
Miami	22	29	.431	20
Charlotte	22	30	.423	20½
Orlando	16	36	.303	28

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	30	21	.623	—
Cleveland	32	21	.604	1
Minneapolis	22	29	.432	10
Indiana	21	32	.396	12
Indiana	20	33	.377	13

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	19	13	.750	—
Houston	36	16	.692	3
Phoenix	19	19	.500	8
San Antonio	33	19	.635	6
New Orleans	17	25	.519	12

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	35	17	.673	—
Oklahoma City	35	16	.686	1
Denver	20	33	.377	15½
Utah	13	39	.250	28
Minnesota	11	41	.212	24

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	49	8	.860	—
L.A. Clippers	34	19	.642	8½
Phoenix	22	25	.465	15
Sacramento	18	33	.353	23½
L.A. Lakers	19	33	.360	29

Monday's games

Golden State 89, Philadelphia 84
Washington 96, Orlando 80
San Antonio 95, Indiana 93
Utah 100, New Orleans 96
Memphis 106, Milwaukee 93
Atlanta 117, Minnesota 105
L.A. Clippers 115, Dallas 88
Oklahoma City 124, Denver 114

Tuesday's games

Detroit 106, Charlotte 78
Houston 127, Phoenix 118
Chicago 104, Sacramento 86
Memphis 95, Brooklyn 86
Denver 106, L.A. Lakers 96

Wednesday's games

New York at Orlando
Washington at Toronto
San Antonio at Detroit
Atlanta at Boston
Indiana at New Orleans
Golden State at Oklahoma City
Sacramento at Milwaukee
Memphis at Minnesota
Miami at Cleveland
Utah at Dallas
L.A. Lakers at Portland
Houston at L.A. Clippers

Thursday's games

Cleveland at Chicago

Tuesday

Nuggets 106, Lakers 96

DENVER — Chandler 6-13 0-0 13, Faried 1-5 0-1, Nurkic 3-0 0-6, Lawson 12-20 7-8 32, Affalo 3-0 0-6, Arthur 6-10 3-4 15, Hickson 5-7 3-6 13, Foye 5-7 0-12, Gallinari 1-5 2-4 8, McGee 1-1 2-3. Totals 43-79 16-23 106.

L.A. Lakers — Kelly 1-7 3-4 6, Black 12-14 3, Sacre 2-0 0-2 4, Clarkson 2-11 12-17, Ellington 8-13 0-18, Davis 3-7 3-15, Clarkson 1-4 0-4 4, Johnson 1-5 0-11 21, Young 4-13 2-13 32. Totals 37-72 16-23 96.

Lakers 29, Bulls 26

L.A. Lakers — 29 23 25-106
Bulls — 29 23 25-106
 Three-Point Goals—Denver 4 (Foye 2, Lawson 2, Chandler 1-4, Arthur 0-1, Affalo 0-2, Gallinari 0-4), L.A. Lakers 8 (Hickson 2-5, Young 2-6, Clarkson 1-2, Kelly 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Lin 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 10, Assists—Denver 25 (Lawson 16), L.A. Lakers 23 (Clarkson 7). Total Fouls—Denver 22, L.A. Lakers 24.—18-466 (18-997).



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Bulls forward Tony Snell dunked during Tuesday's game against the Kings in Chicago. Snell had a career-high 24 points as the Bulls won 104-86.

Bulls 104, Kings 86

SACRAMENTO — Gay 10-18 3-5 24, Thompson 3-5 1-2 7, Cousins 5-15 5-10 15, Sessions 1-6 1-2 3, McMiller 5-10 0-11, Evans 1-1 2-3, McCullum 5-9 1-2 11, Casspi 2-5 2-4, Landry 3-4 0-6, Hollins 0-0 0-0 0, Staushak 1-0 0-0. Totals 35-75 14-27 86.

CHICAGO — Dunleavy 2-5 0-0 5, Gasol 11-15 4-4 25, Noah 1-4 0-2, Rose 10-17 2-3 23, Butler 2-8 1-2 5, Snell 9-11 2-2 24, Brooks 2-4 0-4, Gibson 3-8 3-5 16, Mirotic 1-5 0-0 3, Moore 0-0 0-0, McDermott 1-2 1-3, Bairnsdale 1-0 0-0, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-80 13-15 104.

Chicago 36, Bulls 27

Three-Point Goals—Sacramento 22 (Gay 4, McMiller 4, McCullum 0-1, Sessions 0-3), Chicago 7-20 (Snell 4, Dunleavy 1-3, Rose 1-4, Mirotic 1-5, Butler 0-1, Brooks 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 53 (Cousins 8), Chicago 40 (Gasol 16). Assists—Sacramento 23 (Cousins 8), Chicago 26 (Rose 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 15, Chicago 21. Technicals—Chicago Coach Thibodeau. A—21,560 (20,917).

Grizzlies 95, Nets 86

BROOKLYN — Johnson 5-13 1-11, Garnett 1-3 0-2, Plumlee 6-10 3-15, Jack 6-11 0-0 12, Anderson 5-9 3-4 15, Peltier 1-2 1-2 11, Williams 4-9 1-2 10, Bogdanovic 1-5 1-2 3, Jefferson 0-0 0-0, Jordan 2-5 2-3 6, Morris 0-1 0-0, Brown 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-81 13-17 86.

MEMPHIS — Je-Griffin 3-9 4-6 11, Randolph 9-17 0-15, Gasol 4-6 8-14, Conley 1-0 0-2, Lee 6-10 1-11, Udrih 5-9 2-13, Allen 5-5 1-2 12, Calathes 0-1 1-2 1, Koufopoulos 3-11 2-4 8, Leuer 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-81 17-25 95.

Brooklyn 35, Bulls 26

Three-Point Goals—Brooklyn 3 (Anderson 2-5, Williams 1-3, Bogdanovic 0-1, Lopez 0-1, Brown 0-1, Johnson 0-1), Memphis 6-19 (Lee 2-5, Randolph 1-1, Allen 1-1, Udrih 1-3, Je-Griffin 1-4, Gasol 0-1, Calathes 0-1, Conley 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 50 (Plumlee 14), Memphis 33 (Gasol 11). Assists—Brooklyn 14 (Johnson, Williams 4), Memphis 24 (Je-Griffin, Allen, Conley 4). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 24, Memphis 15.—16-901 (18,119).

Rockets 127, Suns 118

HOUSTON — Ariza 4-0 0-0 10, Motiejunas 5-15 2-12, Dorsey 1-4 0-2, Beverley 6-15 0-15, Harden 13-23 11-14 40, Smith 8-15 2-20, Papanikolaou 3-4 0-8, Terry 4-4 0-6, Brewer 6-12 1-2 14. Totals 48-95 16-23 127.

PHOENIX — Tucker 7-15 0-17, Mark Morris 6-13 3-4 16, Plumlee 2-4 1-2 5, Bledsoe 9-19 12-13 32, G.Dragic 7-11 3-4 20, Wright 2-3 0-4, Thomas 4-10 4-5 14, Marc-Morris 1-8 1-23, Green 3-4 0-7. Totals 41-87 24-30 118.

Houston 41, Phoenix 28

Three-Point Goals—Houston 12 (Harden 3-7, Beverley 3-4, Smith 2-4, Ariza 2-5, Brewer 1-3, Motiejunas 0-1), Phoenix 12-26 (G.Dragic 3-4, Tucker 3-6, Bledsoe 2-4, Thomas 2-5, Marc-Morris 1-1, Green 1-2, Marc-Morris 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 69 (Harden 12), Phoenix 46 (Tucker, Plumlee 7), Assists—Houston 28 (Harden 9), Phoenix 18 (Thomas 6). Total Fouls—Houston 18, Phoenix 18. Technicals—Beverley, Houston defensive third second. A—17,071 (18,055).

Pistons 106, Hornets 78

DETROIT — Singler 2-6 4-4 8, Monroe 9-15 5-23, Drummond 7-14 0-4 14, Austin 5-14 7-18, Caldwell-Pope 2-6 0-4 5, Jerrebek 0-1 0-0 0, Meeks 4-8 10 18, Tolliver 6-11 1-15, Lucas 11-0 0-0, Anthony 2-0 0-0 0, Datome 2-3 0-0 4, Dineen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-83 27 106.

CHARLOTTE — Taylor 5-8 0-12, Zeller 3-8 2-8, Jefferson 6-14 1-2 13, Roberts 4-6 1-2 8, Henderson 1-5 1-5 6, Stephen 0-1 0-0 0, Ma-Williams 1-6 0-0 3, Maxwell 1-6 0-2, Hairston 6-16 0-16, Vanhale 3-2 2-4. Totals 29-81 11-14 78.

Detroit 26, Charlotte 23

Three-Point Goals—Detroit 5-19 (Tolliver 3-6, Augustin 1-3, Caldwell-Pope 1-4, Lucas 11-0 1, Singler 0-1, Jerrebek 0-1, Meeks 0-3), Charlotte 9-24 (Hairston 4-9, Henderson 2-3, Taylor 2-4, Ma-Williams 1-4, Vanhale 0-1, Roberts 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 40 (Monroe 12), Charlotte 44 (Jefferson 10), Assists—Detroit 21 (Augustin 5), Charlotte 41 (Henderson, Roberts 5). Total Fouls—Detroit 18, Charlotte 21.—A—15,876 (19,077).

Leaders

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	52	438	426	1442	27.7
James, CLE	43	290	218	1118	26.0
Westbrook, OKC	38	328	268	983	25.9
Dallas, NOR	46	436	256	1129	24.5
Anthony, NYK	40	358	189	966	24.2
Aldridge, POR	46	429	207	1090	23.7
Cousins, SAC	35	271	922	233	23.5
Griffin, GOL	50	409	201	1178	23.6
Curry, LAC	51	448	245	1149	22.5
Thompson, GOL	49	392	154	1090	22.2
Irvine, CLE	50	396	195	1096	21.9
Lillard, POR	42	378	213	1123	21.6
Bosh, MIA	43	338	175	913	21.2

FG Percentage

	G	FGA	PCT
Jordan, LAC	237	327	.725
Chandler, DAL	214	313	.684
A. Johnson, TOR	210	352	.597
Plumlee, BRO	218	366	.593
Howard, HOU	202	351	.575
Valanciunas, TOR	233	415	.561

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
James, CLE	53	231	484	715	13.5
Gasol, CHI	53	262	422	684	12.9
Drummond, DET	39	115	364	479	12.3
Gasol, CHI	50	149	460	609	12.2
Clarkson, MEM	42	129	479	608	12.1
Chandler, DAL	52	209	407	616	11.8
Vucevic, ORL	49	156	391	547	11.2

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Drummond, DET	53	231	4.36
Wall, WAS	51	213	4.18
Lawson, DEN	51	213	4.18
Rondo, DAL	43	374	8.7
Curry, GOL	50	394	7.9
Westbrook, OKC	38	282	7.4
Teague, ATL	49	367	7.5



Ross D. FRANKLIN, AP

The Rockets' James Harden, right, drives past the Suns' Marcus Morris on Tuesday in Phoenix. Harden scored 40 points in Houston's 127-118 win.

Roundup

Harden, Rockets soar past Suns

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Houston Rockets blew an early 18-point lead and were down by one after three quarters in Phoenix.

Then, as he so often does, James Harden took over.

The NBA's leading scorer got 20 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter and the Rockets pulled away to beat the Suns 127-118 on Tuesday night.

Josh Smith added 20 in the highest-scoring game of the season for the Rockets, who trailed 89-88 at the end of the third.

"That (game) had more twists and turns than an old country road," Houston coach Kevin McHale said.

Eric Bledsoe scored 32, one of his career highs, for the Suns, who enter the All-Star break losers of five of six. Bledsoe had 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Harden — who was to have his number retired by Arizona State on Wednesday night — ended the first and second quarters with a three-pointer, then opened the fourth with a four-point play that

put the Rockets ahead for good.

Harden has 85 points in his last two games. He scored 45 — one shy of his career high — in a loss to Portland on Sunday and has six games of at least 40 points this season.

Grizzlies 95, Nets 86: Zach Randolph had 19 points and Marc Gasol added 14 and 11 rebounds as host Memphis beat Brooklyn.

Bulls 104, Kings 86: Pau Gasol continued his strong play with 26 points and 16 rebounds, Tony Snell had a career-high 24 and Derrick Rose added 23 in Chicago's win over visiting Sacramento.

It was Gasol's NBA-best 34th double-double of the season. He now has 13 straight.

Pistons 106, Hornets 78: Greg Monroe had 23 points and 12 rebounds, D.J. Augustin added 18 points and Detroit handed host Charlotte its third straight loss.

Nuggets 106, Lakers 96: Ty Lawson had season-highs of 32 points and 16 assists and visiting Denver snapped a six-game losing skid.

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NBA/HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

Korver to replace Wade as All-Star

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks will have four players in Sunday's NBA All-Star Game after Kyle Korver was selected to replace Miami's Dwyane Wade.

Commissioner Adam Silver picked Korver for the Eastern Conference team Tuesday after Wade pulled out because of a hamstring injury. The East-leading Hawks (43-10) already had Paul Millsap, Al Horford and Jeff Teague selected to the team as reserves.

Wade announced Tuesday he will not play in the NBA's mid-season showcase to be as healthy as possible for the second half of the season.

He has not played since straining his right hamstring on Jan. 27, which wasn't long after he overcame an issue with his left hamstring. Wade has missed Miami's past six games and was inactive when the Heat closed their pre-All-Star schedule in Cleveland on Wednesday.

"The smartest thing to do is let someone else come in and really enjoy the All-Star experience... I owe it to the Heat fans to at least play in a Heat jersey first, than go out there in the All-Star Game and play a couple of minutes."

Korver, who was All-Star weekend bound anyway for the three-point contest, is on pace to be the first player in NBA history to make more than 50 percent of his field goals (.516) and three-point attempts (.528), and better than 90 percent of his free throws (.920). He is averaging 12.9 points, 4.3 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game.

Korver, who turns 34 next month, is the fourth-oldest player to make his first All-Star appearance, behind Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton (34 years, 3 months in 1957), Sam Cassell (34 years, 2 months in 2004), and Anthony Mason (34 years, 2 months in 2001).

This is the first time in Atlanta history and just the eighth time overall that a team has had four All-Stars.

"We would like to thank Commissioner Silver for selecting

Kyle as an All-Star," said Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer, who will lead the East team at Madison Square Garden.

"He is an integral part of our team and we are extremely proud that Kyle will be able to join his teammates Al, Paul and Jeff in being recognized this weekend. This is a positive reflection on all of the work the entire team, coaching staff and organization has put in this season."

The only Atlanta starter not selected to the All-Star Game was DeMarre Carroll. But he was recognized by the league last week when the entire lineup was selected as players of the month for January, an unprecedented honor after the Hawks became the first team in NBA history to go 17-0 in a calendar month.

"I'm So Happy for my Man @ KyleKorver for getting picked up for All-Star Squad!!!!" Carroll tweeted. "If anybody deserves to be on the team HE DOES!!!!"

Wade will still go to New York for All-Star weekend. There are league matters to tend to, with Wade committed to attend the NBA Players Association meeting.

"I'm going to listen," Wade said, "and to let my voice be heard."

The hope from the Heat camp is that Wade will be fully ready to play when the team resumes practice Feb. 18, and that his return to the lineup could come when Miami visits the New York Knicks on Feb. 20.

Wade, a three-time NBA champion, has been an All-Star selection in each of the last 11 seasons, including when he was the game's MVP in 2010.

Miami will be either seventh or eighth in the East standings when the season resumes next week, and the race for the final two spots on that side of the NBA's playoff bracket figures to go down to the wire. Milwaukee currently holds the No. 6 spot in the East, 6½ games ahead of Miami.

"It's going to be an interesting second half of the season for us, because we've got something to play for," Wade said. "We'll see how we respond."



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Heat guard Dwyane Wade, left, and Shawne Williams sit on the bench during Monday's game. Wade will sit out the All-Star Game.



JAMES KIMBER/Stars and Stripes

Kazuho Kawashima of St. Mary's defeated Kinnick's Brady Yoder by decision in the 148-pound final of the Beast of the East wrestling tournament. The two are likely to see one another in the Far East meet.

Far East wrestling preview

Kinnick's hold precarious

Red Devils went undefeated but it's hard to call them clear favorites

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Beneath Kinnick's wrestling success this year — 12-0 dual-meet record, champion in every tournament the Red Devils entered — was another figure that might make that gleaming mark somewhat misleading.

In the Kanto Plain finals last Saturday at St. Mary's, the Red Devils had all 13 of their wrestlers score... and still won the tournament by only three points.

For that reason, coach Gary Wilson feels the chase for the top spot in Division I at this week's Far East meet is "up in the air."

"We've had some success this year, but we have our work cut out for us," said Wilson, who's won two of Kinnick's eight total Far East team banners in his five seasons, including last year's dual-meet title.

"It's an even field, kind of anyone's Far East. I don't know who has a huge advantage. It's hard to say."

That's not to say the Red Devils don't stand a decent chance, given their record over the course of the season. Lucas Wirth (101 pounds), Darius Swenson (141), Dree Paylor (168), Nicholas Alvarez (215) and Chris Deibel (heavyweight) each won titles at Kanto and were frequent visitors to the top of tournament podiums throughout the season.

The team that Kinnick held off last Saturday, St. Mary's, the reigning individual team champion, is "formidable," Wilson said, pointing to a pair of former Far East medalists in Chang Young Lee (108) and Ryan Vasconcellos (135).

"You can't sleep on them," Wilson said. "It wouldn't surprise me to see them get five or six gold medals and that's hard to overcome. They're darned good. They're a handful."

Wilson also pointed to Seoul American, which sent just six wrestlers to Kinnick's "Beast" invitational last month, including 158-pound winner Jarek Bartel, and placed third.

Then there's Kubasaki, which holds the record Far East team banners with 23, and Kadena, winner of six Far East titles under coach Steve Schrock, back after a four-year hiatus.

"They always seem to peak at Far East," Wilson said of the Okinawa powers. Schrock, in particular, "will have those kids dialed in and ready for battle."

While Schrock and the Panthers have the first full lineup in his tenure and had 40 wrestlers in the room, they also had far less mat time than Kinnick — four dual meets and one tournament. And their only opposition this season was Kubasaki, as was the case last year.

"We're going to have to overcome the lack of matches, but that's just a function of where we live and the scheduling," Schrock said. "We have to over-



JAMES KIMBER/Stars and Stripes

Kinnick's Darius Swenson battles St. Mary's Itsuki Shibahara in the Kanto Invitational. Swenson has been a standout and is among the Red Devils expected to contend for a Far East championship.

come that kind of adversity and the kids will have to perform."

Giving Kadena an edge this season is Ricky Salinas (168) transferring from E.J. King early in the season.

"That provided more competition during practices at [middle] weights," Schrock said.

While the Division I title chase appears to be a wide-open scrum, the Division II battles appear to be down to defending champion Edgren and runner-up Osan.

Aside from having Cory Harding (115) and Sam Kim (122) bolstering the host Cougars' ranks, "they'll have the home crowd," Seoul American coach Ben Pak said. "That will be a huge advantage for them. It seems like they're hungry and it's Far East, so anything can happen."

No D-II teams in Japan matched Edgren this season, so it's "just a question of what awaits us" in Korea, said Eagles coach Justin Edmonds, who has rising stars Sky Phillips (135) and Patrick Sledge (180) in tow. "We are strong. They're not just going to take it from us."

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

Wrestlers go to the mat with titles in mind

BY GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

The DODDS Europe wrestling championship meet is set for Friday and Saturday at Wiesbaden. Here's a look at the top contenders for each of the 14 weight classes.

106 pounds: DODDS-Europe's smallest wrestlers might put up one of its biggest battles. The bracket has the ideal mix of competitors: no clear favorite, but plenty of worthy contenders.

The first-place finishers from last weekend's three sectional meets — Jeremiah Gerber of Wiesbaden, Brandon Lovett of Lakenheath and Blaise Markley of Vilseck — are the obvious favorites.

The field doesn't stop with those three. David Kingery of Ramstein owns a win over Gerber, and Naples' Alec Williams has a chance to disrupt the bracket.

113: Anthony Doerfer of AFNORTH has been among DODDS-Europe's largest presences.

Doerfer, one of two Lion wrestlers in the European tournament, has been unstoppable all winter. That continued at last weekend's sectional meet at Brussels, where he scored four pinfall victories in as many matches.

Patch's Aujahn Dixon, Ramstein's Kaleb Hoopes, Vilseck's Joshua Clamage and Ayden Huezio and SHAPE's Carlos Ulep are among the challengers to Doerfer's potential coronation.

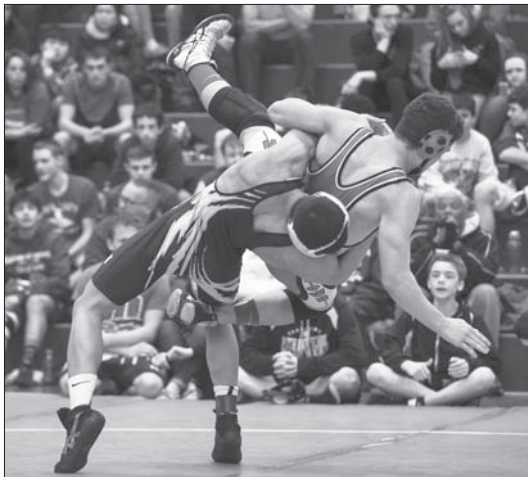
120: The field's first reigning European champion makes an appearance in this tight seven-wrestler class. Patch standout Christopher Matzke won last year at 113 pounds, and ranks as a strong bet to repeat the feat at 120.

Fellow sectional champions Stan Cruz of Ramstein and Donovan Glasgow of Vilseck represent Matzke's primary opposition, while Baumholder's Michael Holliday and Brussels' Christian Sculley bring small-school upset potential.

126: Patch, the defending Division I team champion and strong contender to repeat as such this weekend, fields another incumbent champion in this class. Matthew Bolduc won an all-Panther battle for the 106-pound crown last February, and is in line to win again after bulking up by 20 pounds in the interim.

Deep rosters from other Division I schools offer their own contenders, including Ramstein's Ryan Ford, Vilseck's Mikhael Ragay and Kaiserslautern's Evan Heryford.

132: Like the 113-pound ranks, this bracket might come down to a small-school upset taking on an entry from juggernaut Patch. Bitburg's Brandon Beaumont, a 2014 semifinalist at 126 pounds, is one of three Barons in action this weekend, while



JOSHUA L. DEMOTT/Stars and Stripes

Patch's Elijah Phillips takes down Kaiserslautern's Lawrence Abbott last weekend during a sectional wrestling meet at Kaiserslautern, Germany. The wrestling championship meet will be held Friday and Saturday at Wiesbaden.

Johnathon Brabazon gets the call for the Panthers.

Naples' Jordan Hoffman, Hohenfels' Ian Colbert and Lakenheath's Preston Booth will look to elbow their way into the championship picture.

136: The parade of Panther champions continues as reigning 132-pound European victor Robert Call gives Patch another shot at a repeat title.

Nine wrestlers stand between Call and that goal, including 2014 semifinalist Zack Adamson of Lakenheath, returning Vilseck standout Eduardo Castaneda and new Naples contender A.J. Fisher.

145: Lakenheath's Emilio Medina saw his path to European gold blocked last winter by Patch phenom and Stars and Stripes wrestling Athlete of the Year Jaden Fields. Now Medina, who finished a strong third last season after falling to Fields in the semifinals, takes on the role of favorite.

While Fields is gone, plenty of competition remains in this rigorous 12-man bracket. Kaiserslautern's Lawrence Abbott, Wiesbaden's Montgomery Smith, Vilseck's Austin Weatherspoon and Brus-

sel's Canyon LaClair rank among the more dangerous contenders.

152: An example of an organization-wide trend, Vicenza fielded a smaller team than usual this season. But that doesn't mean the elite Cougars who qualified for this weekend's championship meet can be overlooked.

Robert Maldonado ranks among the squad's stronger bets to bring a title back to Italy. He'll vie with Lakenheath's Jonathan Lopez, Ramstein's Andres Rios, Wiesbaden's Matt Hall, Hohenfels' Marcus Dudley and familiar local rival Manny Gambao of Aviano in this wide-open 10-wrestler field.

160: Another Vicenza contender, senior Marshall Perletti, gives Vicenza a second legitimate title shot one class up from Maldonado. Fellow sectional winners Matt Okoniewski of Lakenheath and Alfred Freed of Wiesbaden rank as Perletti's biggest obstacles, though nine other grapplers in this deep 12-wrestler bracket will register their objections.

170: In a departure from the usual pattern, Kaiserslautern's Brady Lemon

dropped down a weight class this winter after winning the European title at 182 a year ago.

As with many mid-level weight classes, however, the competition here is thick. Vilseck's Elijah Brown, Lakenheath's Trevor Roderick-Wood, Wiesbaden's Ric Heiges and Bitburg's John Blake put Lemon's repeat bid in peril.

182: Kaiserslautern will send 15 wrestlers to Wiesbaden, equal with Patch and behind only Ramstein's 17-deep contingent, in hopes of contending for the Division I team championship.

Aaron Gauff is a solid bet to add to the Raider point total in this eight-man class. He'll be in the championship mix along with Alconbury's Nick Dufresne, Patch's Timothy Makee, Ramstein's Dillon Thompson and Emil Jurgens, one of two European qualifiers from American Overseas School of Rome.

195: The Division III Alconbury Dragons are among the smallest schools represented at the tournament, but they have an outsized presence in the championship scene thanks to the brothers Dufresne. Like his brother Nick at 182 pounds, Chris Dufresne capped a dominant regular season with a 195-pound sectional victory last weekend and heads to Wiesbaden as a weight-class favorite.

Naples fields one of the best of its 10 qualified wrestlers in this class in Nathan Cairns, while Eli Spencer of Patch and Mason Dean of Ramstein will seek to earn some valuable points for their own contending Division I teams.

220: Homestanding Wiesbaden will field a small but solid group of eight wrestlers this weekend. The Warriors are led by senior Hunter Lunasin, who last year avenged a preliminary-round pinfall loss to Patch's William Miller by pinning Miller in this year's championship rematch later the same day.

More heroics will be needed this weekend, as the 220-pound bracket projects as one of the meet's most competitive despite just eight overall entries. Hohenfels' Connor Gibson, Lakenheath's Colten Menges, Naples' Caleb Bunte and Ramstein's Clayton Artese form the bulk of the opposition.

285: The heavyweight class is ironically DODDS Europe's slightest in terms of raw numbers, as only eight grapplers competed across the three sectionals. The sectional winners — Brian Magovero of Patch, Casey Fairchild of Lakenheath and Joseph Rivera of Aviano — will be joined in the six-man European bracket by wildcard selections Landon Weddle of Kaiserslautern, Erik Gerena of Ramstein and Wiesbaden's David Hemphill.

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Top performances

Boys basketball

Curtiss Wilson, Bitburg: He was valiant in losses to Hohenfels over the weekend, Wilson notched double-doubles with 16 points and 26 rebounds Friday and 17 points and 17 rebounds Saturday.

Cedric Page, Ansbach: The Division II Cougars just missed an upset of D-I Vilseck on Saturday. Page was the catalyst with 23 points and 20 rebounds, both game-high totals.

Ja'Markus Myles, Kaiserslautern: The Raiders' balanced offense got a boost from Myles in a 58-

47 win over Wiesbaden on Friday. Myles scored a team-high 14 in the victory.

Michael DeFazio, Brussels: The Brigands are heating up for a Division III title defense behind their high-scoring guard. DeFazio went for 25 and 13 points, respectively, in Friday and Saturday defeats of Merwilt Hill.

Chris Moore, Sigonella: The centerpiece of the Jaguars' three-man core that also features Thomas Wray and Jason Berlin led the way again over the weekend. Moore totaled 59 points, 17 rebounds, 11 steals and 11 assists in two wins

over Aviano.

Girls basketball

Eliska Volencova, AFNORTH: The junior center turned in a huge performance Friday as the Lions knocked off Division I SHAPE 36-22. Volencova outscored the Spartans singlehandedly with 26 points, and tied for game-high honors with eight rebounds.

Morgan Dozier and Jada Greene, Kaiserslautern: The Raiders knocked off previously-underestimated defending Division I champion Wiesbaden

31-29 on Friday. Dozier led the offense with 12 points, while Greene contributed nine rebounds and five steals.

Elise Rasmussen, Bitburg: The Baron forward was solid all weekend in helping her team sweep Hohenfels. Rasmussen recorded a 17-point, 11-rebound double-double Friday and followed up with eight points and eight boards Saturday.

Emma Knapp, Vicenza: The Cougar star led her squad to a 39-38 defeat of Naples on Saturday. Knapp scored a game-high 25 points and added seven rebounds, four steals and three assists.

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Montreal's David Desharnais, right, scores past Philadelphia goalie Ray Emery during overtime as Philadelphia's Michael Del Zotto tries to defend during Tuesday's game in Montreal.

Roundup

Canadiens down Flyers on Desharnais' OT goal

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Like many other times this season, the Montreal Canadiens rallied late for a win.

Trailing by a goal for most of Tuesday's game against the Philadelphia Flyers, Montreal tied it late in the third period before scoring the winner in a 2-1 overtime victory. Montreal's winning streak reached three games.

"We had a slow start," coach Michel Therrien said. "But we started the second with intensity. The complete level was there for us. We kept pressing the game and pushing."

"This is a group of guys that refuses to lose. They showed a lot of character and found a way to win."

The Canadiens were kept off the scoreboard until Tomas Plekanec tied the game at 12:38 of the third period by shoveling a loose puck under goaltender Ray Emery after a scramble in front of the net.

Montreal has scored nearly half of its goals — 65 of 138 — in the final period this season.

In overtime, David Desharnais scored the winner at 3:27 after scooping his own rebound over Emery's shoulder.

"The pass came back to me, and I took the shot," said Desharnais, who has two goals in his past four games. "I didn't realize at first that the puck had gone in. It's good to contribute, especially in overtime, but the most important thing is the victory."

Predators 3, Lightning 2 (OT):

James Neal scored at 4:27 of overtime to give host Nashville a victory over Tampa Bay.

Seth Jones and Taylor Beck also scored for Nashville, which has won three straight and five of six.

Brett Connolly and Nikita Kucherov had the goals for Tampa Bay, which has lost two of three.

Islanders 3, Oilers 2: Casey Cizikas snapped a third-period tie with 4:37 left, and host New York pulled out a win over Edmonton.

Colin McDonald, who assisted on the winning goal, and Josh Bailey also scored for New York.

Jaroslav Halak made 34 saves. Ryan Hamilton and Anton Lander had power-play goals for Edmonton.

Stars 5, Bruins 3: Jamie Benn scored twice and Trevor Daley had the second of visiting Dallas' two short-handed goals in a win over Boston.

Kari Lehtonen stopped 41 shots and Vernon Fiddler ended Boston's run as the only remaining NHL team that hadn't allowed a short-handed goal this season when he scored unassisted 7:28 into the game.

Rangers 5, Maple Leafs 4: Mats Zuccarello scored his second goal of the game with 5:56 left, snapping a tie and sending visiting New York to a victory over skidding Toronto.

Rick Nash had three assists, including a nice backhand pass that set up Zuccarello's game-winner after the Rangers squandered a

two-goal lead in the third period. Dominic Moore added a goal and an assist for New York.

Panthers 6, Ducks 2: Roberto Luongo made 31 saves and host Florida got goals from six players in a win over Anaheim.

Jimmy Hayes, Dave Bolland, Aleksander Barkov, Aaron Ekblad, Nick Bjugstad and Dmitry Kulikov scored for the Panthers.

Jonathan Huberdeau tied a career-high with three assists.

Blues 2, Coyotes 1: Dmitrii Jaskin got the go-ahead goal for the second time in four games, and host St. Louis beat Arizona.

Alexander Steen also scored and goalie Jake Allen got a light workload until late for the Blues, who avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Senators 2, Sabres 1: Milan Michalek scored at 12:15 of the third period. Robin Lehner made 35 saves and visiting Ottawa beat Buffalo.

Erik Karlsson also scored for the Senators, who snapped a three-game skid.

Tyler Myers scored Buffalo's goal as the Sabres dropped to 1-8 in their past nine home games.

Jets 2, Wild 1 (OT): Dustin Byfugien scored on a breakaway at 4:00 of overtime and host Winnipeg ended Minnesota's six-game winning streak.

Minnesota turned the puck over in Winnipeg's end and Byfugien grabbed the loose puck, skated down the boards alone and ripped a low shot under goalie Devan Dubnyk.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	GA	GA	
Tampa Bay	56	34	16	6	74	181	148		
Montreal	53	35	15	3	73	143	118		
Detroit	52	31	12	9	71	155	130		
Boston	54	28	19	7	63	133	148		
Florida	52	24	27	11	59	133	147		
Ottawa	52	21	22	9	51	141	145		
Toronto	55	23	28	4	50	157	170		
Buffalo	55	16	36	3	35	103	151		
Metropolitan Division									
N.Y. Islanders	56	30	15	8	71	170	151		
Pittsburgh	53	30	15	8	68	151	134		
N.Y. Rangers	52	31	16	5	67	157	127		
Washington	54	28	16	10	66	157	135		
Philadelphia	54	23	22	9	55	146	157		
New Jersey	52	23	24	9	53	145	148		
Columbus	52	23	26	3	49	135	161		
Carolina	52	19	26	7	45	116	139		

Western Conference

Central Division					Pacific Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Nashville	54	36	12	6	78	164	54	34	14	72
St. Louis	54	35	15	4	74	170	54	30	21	63
Chicago	54	33	18	3	69	163	55	29	20	61
Winnipeg	56	28	18	10	66	168	53	23	18	58
Minnesota	53	26	20	7	59	145	55	20	28	7
Dallas	54	25	21	8	58	172	55	15	31	9
Colorado	54	22	21	11	55	137	52	29	20	61
Anaheim	55	24	24	3	51	164	54	30	21	63
Calgary	54	30	21	3	63	156	53	23	18	58
San Jose	55	28	20	7	63	154	53	23	18	58
Vancouver	52	29	20	3	61	143	55	20	28	7
Los Angeles	53	23	18	12	58	144	54	30	21	63
Arizona	55	20	28	7	47	126	50	25	24	50
Edmonton	55	15	31	9	39	125	53	23	18	58
Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.										

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Rangers 5, Maple Leafs 4

N.Y. Rangers	2	2	2	1-5
Toronto	1	1	1	2-4
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, 6:59 (Brassard, Nash); 2:57, 2, N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 9 (Nash, Brassard); 10:37, 3, Toronto, Riielly 6 (Fransson, Bozak); 15:39, 4, N.Y. Rangers, 3-1.				
Second Period—4, N.Y. Rangers, Haynes 8 (Staal, Klein); 1:42, 5, Toronto, Robidas 1 (Staal, Klein); 3:08, 6, N.Y. Rangers, 2-2 (Hagelin, Staal); 10:33 (Sh).				
Third Period—7, Toronto, Riielly 7 (Winland, Nash); 8, 8, N.Y. Rangers, 3-0; 9, N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 10 (Nash, D.Moore); 14:04, 9, N.Y. Rangers, 4-0.				
Final Score—N.Y. Rangers, 7-14; Toronto, 6-18—N.Y. Rangers, 39—Toronto 6-10-18—34.				
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers, 10; Toronto, 11.				
Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Talbot 6-5-2 (34 shots-30 saves); Toronto, Reimer 7-12-0 (34 shots-27 saves).				
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Kentucky survives at LSU

Wildcats get another tough win to stay perfect

By BRETT MARTEL
The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Frustrated by the way his undefeated Kentucky Wildcats were playing, coach John Calipari starting fist-pumping facetiously after LSU baskets and told his players he hoped they'd lose.

They almost did. But Karl-Anthony Towns redeemed himself after drawing a technical foul — and the ire of his coach — for hanging on the basket. His go-head jump hook with 1:30 left and clutch offensive rebound in the final minute helped No. 1 Kentucky hold off the Tigers, 71-69 on Tuesday night.

"I'm proud of Karl because he came back and grew up," Calipari said. "Now I doubt — ever in his life — will he chin-up on a basket, ever again. But that's why I looked like an idiot on the sideline and why I refused to call timeout. I even said, 'I hope we lose. Watch this!'"

Calipari explained that he wanted to make sure his team won't lose elimination games in March over senseless fouls, so even as his assistants pleaded with him to call timeout, he just watched and joined in the ear-

ringing frenzy during a stunning 21-2 LSU run that gave the Tigers a 66-60 lead.

"I'm not worried about losing," at this point of the season, said Calipari, whose team improved to 24-0, and 11-0 in the Southeastern Conference. "This is about us getting better."

As the Tigers stormed in front, Towns squirmed uncomfortably on the Kentucky bench, momentarily regretting his lack of discipline.

"It was a momentum changer. I can't be doing that," said Towns, who finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds. "During moments like that you think about your brothers and how much they've given you. You give everything back. I was more than happy to repay my brothers' efforts."

It was only narrowly enough. LSU guard Keith Hornsby had a shot to win it in the final seconds, but his off-balance three bounced off the outside of the rim.

Willie Cauley-Stein scored 15 points for the Wildcats, who can tie a school record for the best start to a season by winning at home on Saturday against South Carolina. Devin Booker added 14 and Andrew Harrison had 13 for the Wildcats.

Jarell Martin had 21 points and



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Kentucky forward Karl-Anthony Towns (12) goes to the basket against LSU forward Jordan Mickey during Tuesday's game in Baton Rouge, La. The No. 1 Wildcats held on to win 71-69.

11 rebounds for LSU (17-7, 6-5), while Hornsby scored 17 points.

Early in the second half, LSU appeared to be struggling with Kentucky's height, with Cauley-Stein dunking twice within a few possessions as the Wildcats built a 10-point lead. Harrison then drained a three to give the Wildcats their largest lead at 58-45

with 12:46 to go.

LSU called timeout, and responded with its big run, starting with a three by Josh Gray. Hornsby scored eight points during the surge, including a three and a fast-break layup off of Cauley-Stein's turnover that capped the run and put LSU up 66-60.

"We've battled through some

tough games this year and put ourselves in position to have a shot to win it late," LSU coach Johnny Jones said. "If you play that way throughout, some good things can happen for you. We're constantly growing, and I feel like we took some positive steps tonight. Unfortunately, we just came up a little short."

Roundup

Grant powers No. 10 Notre Dame past Clemson

The Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Jerian Grant scored 22 points and Demetrius Jackson hit the tying and go-ahead baskets as Notre Dame outlasted Clemson.

The Tigers (14-10, 6-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) missed two shots at the end, including a three-pointer by Damarcus Harrison that hit off the rim as time ran out.

The Irish (22-4, 10-3) overcame a four-point deficit down the stretch to push past Clemson with Grant a major factor in the rally. Notre Dame trailed 56-52 after Rod Hall's three-point play for the Tigers with 4:07 to go.

Grant followed with two foul shots, then stole the ball to lead to Jackson's tying layup. After Jackson's basket put Notre Dame up for good 58-56, Grant hit a fade-away jumper.

Jaron Blossomgame led Clemson with 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Notre Dame is second in the ACC, scoring 80 points a game, yet looked like it would fall victim to Clemson's style of tough defense and grinding out each possession before scoring.

The dynamic Grant pulled the Irish out of that funk in the final four minutes for the win to match the program's best 26-game start last accomplished in 1980-81.

Wisconsin 65, Nebraska 55: Sam Dekker matched his career high with



MARK CRAMMER, ANDERSON INDEPENDENT-MAIL/AP

Notre Dame's Jerian Grant, right, shoots over Clemson's Rod Hall in the final minute of Tuesday's game in Clemson, S.C. The No. 10 Irish won, 60-58.

21 points, and visiting Wisconsin built a big lead early and then held off Nebraska's late comeback bid for a victory.

The Badgers (22-2, 10-1 Big Ten) won

their seventh straight game and extended their lead in the Big Ten to three games over the four teams tied for second place. The Cornhuskers (13-11, 5-7) lost for the fourth time in five games.

No. 8 Kansas 73, Texas Tech 51: Wayne Selden Jr. scored 16 points and Kansas shot well from three-point range, beating host Texas Tech.

The Jayhawks (20-4, 9-2 Big 12) hit 11 of 20 on threes, with Selden going 4-for-7. Kansas reached the 20-win mark for the 26th straight season.

No. 24 Arkansas 101, Auburn 87: Bobby Portis scored 22 points and Michael Qualls had 19 to lead Arkansas to a victory over host Auburn for another comfortable Southeastern Conference win.

The Razorbacks (19-5, 8-3 SEC) did it with hot shooting, making 11 of 23 three-pointers and shooting 53.8 percent from the floor (35 of 65).

Colorado State 70, New Mexico 59: J.J. Avila scored 18 points and Joe De Ciman added 14 as Colorado State beat visiting New Mexico.

Daniel Bejarano had 12 points for Colorado State (21-4, 8-4 Mountain West).

Deshawn Delaney led New Mexico (14-10, 6-6) with 21 points.

Dayton 51, St. Louis 44: Darrell Davis scored 12 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 3:08 to play, and Dayton held off host St. Louis.

Kendall Pollard had 11 points and 10 rebounds, Dyshawn Pierre added eight and 11 and Jordan Sibert was 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the final 40 seconds for Dayton (18-5, 8-3 Atlantic-10).

Xavier 64, Marquette 44: At Milwaukee, Trevon Bluiett scored 14 points, Matt Stainbrook added 13 and six rebounds, and Xavier cruised to a win over Marquette.

J.P. Macura had 11 points off the bench and Myles Davis 10 for Xavier (16-9, 7-6 Big East).

Temple 75, Cincinnati 59: Will Cummings scored 21 points, added five assists, and four steals to lead host Temple past Cincinnati.

Jaylen Bond added 16 points and Jesse Morgan finished with 12 for the Owls (18-7, 9-3 American Conference).

Farad Cobb led Cincinnati (17-7, 8-4) with 13 points off the bench. Shaquille Thomas had 11 and Troy Capuain 10.

Georgetown 86, Seton Hall 67: Junior D'Vauntes Smith-Rivera scored 23 points, freshman Isaac Copeland had a career-high 20 and Georgetown defeated host Seton Hall after blowing an early 20-point lead.

Jabril Trawick added 12 points as the Hoyas (16-8, 8-5 Big East) snapped a two-game losing streak.

Sterling Gibbs had 17 points to lead Seton Hall (15-9, 5-7).

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NBA heritage gave
Curry, Thompson
jump start at
becoming All-Stars

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BOAKLAND, Calif. Before Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson grew up to be the Splash Brothers, they were just the sons of famous fathers trying to make it big.

Dell Curry recalls his son tagging along with him before and after games with the Charlotte Hornets, learning from 5-foot-3 Muggsy Bogues how an undersized player can be successful.

"Steph knew he wasn't going to be 7-foot tall. He knew he was going to be a point guard," Dell said.

Mychal Thompson retired after 12 years in the league, winning two titles with the Los Angeles Lakers, before his son could see him play. But he stayed close to the franchise and his teammates, allowing Klay to be around some of the game's greatest players.

"He could go in the gym and Kobe Bryant is there and he could pick his brain. Magic Johnson would pull him aside and give some advice and so would James Worthy and guys like that," Mychal said.

From being raised by the league to dreaming about playing in it, Curry and Thompson are among the top attractions now.

The Golden State Warriors' streaky shooting tandem will own the All-Star spotlight this weekend, both competing in the three-point contest Saturday night in Brooklyn and lead the Western Conference in the All-Star Game on Sunday night at Madison Square Garden for what figures to be a culmination of just how far they've come.

Ever since he could remember, Curry believed he could reach this stage. He would attend his father's practices with a ball in his hand and never let it go. When he spoke up, it was usually just to ask a question.

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Golden State's shooting tandem of Klay Thompson, left, and Stephen Curry will be in the All-Star spotlight this weekend, both competing in the three-point contest Saturday and then playing for the Western Conference in the All-Star Game on Sunday.

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